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To
Dr. Manmohan Singh,
Honorable Prime Minister,
Government of India,
South Block, New Delhi - 110 001

Dear Sir,

CURSED FARMERS OF INDIA
➡ **Declare Crop Holiday** ⬅

Increasing input costs, labour wages, uneconomic Minimum Support Price, lack of procurement, control on exports has made agriculture un-remunerative and compelled the 50,000 farmers to declare Crop Holiday in 3 lakhs acres in Andhra Pradesh.

It is difficult to comprehend the agony of the farmers to stop cultivation when all the facilities are available. At best it can be compared to mother not feeding the child.

Dr. Singh's UPA removed controls on Service and Industrial Sectors and claims credit for 8% growth. But, continues controls on Agriculture and do not to accept the responsibility for 2% negative growth.

Farmers were neglected by policy makers, insulted by organized sectors and exploited by businessmen. The Crop Holiday has opened new vistas for farmers to show their anger, frustration and protest. It is a **NON CO-OPERATION MOVEMENT**.

Crop Holiday in 10% of the area in the country and stop using fertilizer will be an innovative model of farmers' protest. What will be its consequences on the food security and National Economy is to be visualized by all of you.

Farmers love to watch whether Currency, cars and credit cards can produce a grain.

"When an Intellectual gets hungry- he gets angry because he lives for food.

" When a businessmen gets hungry - he weeps because he loves food."

" When a farmer gets Hungry- he just sleeps."

A saying in Rayalaseema

The Crop holiday syndrome will be spreading throughout the country. If you want to stop it, initiate immediate measures.

Yours sincerely,

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CC to: Union Cabinet Ministers, MPs, CMs, NAC and Planning commission, Media and others.

"Food security first - Farmers welfare must"

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