

Ensure that bonus reaches sub-tenant farmers: Naidu

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Rajya Sabha chairman M. Venkaiah Naidu on Friday asked the government to study the possibility of ensuring that bonus, if announced on rice or wheat procurement, reaches even the sub-tenant farmers.

Mr Naidu's comments came after the issue was raised during the Question Hour by Congress's Chhaya Verma, who said tenant farmers are not getting bonus and sought to know if the Centre will put in place some mechanism to protect such farmers.

Replying to the member's query, minister of state for food C.R. Chaudhary said, "There is no provision (to transfer bonus to bank accounts of) for sub-tenant farmers." He also said that if two to three tenant



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farmers together register one bank account, then payment is distributed proportionately.

Expressing concern over the issue, Mr Naidu asked the food minister Ram Vilas Paswan to take action in this regard.

"This is a practical and sensitive issue, hence you please study on this. You know what happens in villages," Mr Naidu told Mr Paswan to which he agreed and said that he would be meet the Rajya Sabha chairman in this regard.