



YSRCP spokesperson criticises price rise under Chandrababu Naidu's Andhra Pradesh government

Andhra Pradesh YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) State spokesperson Putha Sivasankar criticised the state government led by Chandrababu Naidu on August 29, comparing drought and Chandrababu's rule to "twin children" that bring hardship whenever he assumes power.

Speaking at the YSRCP central office in Guntur, he highlighted that only 20-25 per cent of the cultivated land has been sown this season due to inadequate rainfall and limited irrigation facilities. According to him, farmers, women, students, employees and small earners are experiencing severe distress as a result.

He pointed to significant food price increases, stating: "Sugar that was around Rs 35-40 per kg during YS Jagan's tenure is now Rs 75; ordinary rice has risen from Rs 40 to Rs 65 and super-fine rice from Rs 48 to Rs 75. Tur dal and urad dal have increased from around Rs 100-105 to Rs 160, chana dal from Rs 70 to Rs 95, onions from Rs 18 to Rs 70 and dry chillies from Rs 120 to Rs 390." He added that these rising costs have forced families to allocate 40-50 per cent of their monthly income to essential items.

Cooking oil prices, he noted, have also surged: "Palm oil has risen from Rs 80 to Rs 154-160 per litre, sunflower oil from Rs 90 to Rs 192, groundnut oil from Rs 140 to Rs 215 and rice bran oil from Rs 100 to Rs 163." Referring to Chandrababu Naidu's previous comments on oil prices, Putha asked, "What answer does he have now when prices have nearly doubled under his own government?"

He further observed that the increase in costs extends beyond food, citing steep rises in LPG, liquor and electricity prices. "A power bill that was once around Rs 300 is now reaching Rs 1,500-2,000 and even Rs 3,000-5,000 in some places," he said.

Putha recalled that the YSRCP government had intervened during the Covid-19 pandemic through the Civil Supplies department and the Price Stabilisation Fund to support consumers and farmers.

He called for immediate government intervention in markets, subsidised essentials and the implementation of price controls, warning that if action is not taken, the YSRCP would raise the issue directly with the public.

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