

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Demand to implement uniform Food Policy in the country.

DR. K. JAYAKUMAR (TIRUVALLUR): Hon. Chairperson, Sir, I thank you for giving me this opportunity to speak.

Sir, I am trying to bring to your kind attention the twisted food policy that is being forced on some people in some parts of the country. For example, in Gujarat, two of the Ministers have taken up an issue and they forced that meat should not be sold in the open market. This is very sad. In the country, about 70 per cent people are non-vegetarian and about 120 lakh people are employed in the food processing sector, of which about 80 per cent are in the non-vegetarian sector where it is being processed. ... (*Interruptions*)

Sir, I am raising an important issue. He has no business to interfere. He should tell you and not me. ... (*Interruptions*)

Therefore, Sir, I request the Government that it is a very sensitive issue. It is, again, another issue that may split the people into vegetarian and non-vegetarian. Already enough amount of sectarianism is there. Therefore, I request the Government to see that the policy in respect of food is uniform and everywhere every kind of food is available.

Thank you.