

**Seventeenth Loksabha**

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**Title: Regarding establishment of a National Small Crops Research Centre in Perambalur Parliamentary Constituency- Laid.**

**\*m 01 DR. T. R. PAARIVENDHAR (PERAMBALUR):** My Perambalur Parliamentary Constituency and Perambalur District is a backward area in Tamil Nadu. Almost 70% of the people are agriculturist and are cultivating various small crops like, ragi, maize, corn and millets apart from rice, sugarcane, peanuts. Many farmers' income and their livelihood are totally dependent upon the income arising out of selling these small crops harvested from their agricultural fields. But, they are not getting enough/good yield by cultivating the so-called small crops.

In view of the above, a Research Centre on small crops needs to be set up at my Parliamentary Constituency at Perambalur which is also District Headquarter for the welfare of the farmers and its neighbouring areas to boost and improve the yield of small crops and to uplift the life of farmers.

Hence, I urge upon the Union Government to take necessary action to establish a National Small Crops Research Centre at Perambalur at the earliest.