

Regarding ban on sale of ducks-Laid

SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH (MAVELIKKARA): The decision based on recommendations of an Expert Committee to ban the sale, prevent movement of ducks and a closure of duck hatcheries in Kuttanad and upper Kuttanad region in Kerala which is a part of my Lok Sabha constituency Mavelikkara will sound the death knell to the duck farmers. The duck variants native to Kuttanad such as chembally and chara would become extinct if the hatcheries of Kuttanad and upper Kuttanad region are closed down. The ramifications of banning sale of ducks will also imperil the employment generated around duck farming and this would destroy the livelihood of duck farmers who are already facing challenges in continuing in farming sector. Therefore, I urge the Government to take steps in revoking the proposed ban and provide adequate vaccines, and medications and ensure bird flu is contained.