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Title: Need to set up special Economic Zone in Hassan, Karnataka - Laid.

SHRI G. PUTTA SWAMY GOWDA (HASSAN) : Three years ago, the Centre declared to set up four special Economic Zones in Karantaka. But unfortunately, not even a single Special Economic Zone has been set up till today.

The people of Hassan particularly the farmers were very hopeful about the Special Economic Zone. In Hassan, many vegetables and flowers are grown. Fruits like mangoes, grapes, sapota, etc. are grown abundantly. Coconut, cashew and coffee are also grown in large quantities. Spices like cloves, cardamom and others are grown by most farmers. These commodities have to be exported as there is great demand for all these from European, American and Arab countries. The export of these commodities is in jeopardy as there is no Special Economic Zone in Hassan even though the Centre has announced to set up one such zone in Hassan three years ago.

There is no office of this Special Economic Zone in Hassan. Officers and other employees have not been appointed till today. All the infrastructural facilities are available in Hassan.

The farmers of the entire Hassan district are agitated on the issue.

I, therefore, urge upon the Hon. Prime Minister and the Hon. Minister of Commerce to set up the above mentioned Special Economic Zone in Hassan without any further delay.