

**Title** Demand to ensure quality of foodgrains to be exported to other countries.

\*SHRI K. KALIAPPAN (GOBICHETTIPALAYAM): Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, I would like to bring to the notice of this august House the condition of wheat that was exported to Iran a month back. About 27 thousand tonnes of wheat exported from India was found to be unfit for human consumption. It was sent back to India as spoilt grain that could not be used by human beings.

This country has no dearth of great scholars and scientists. We have an exclusive Union Cabinet Minister for Agriculture. But still we have failed to ensure a quality consignment for export and thereby we have accrued a great loss running to several crores of rupees. Hon. Food Minister should have taken care to ensure the quality of grains meant for human consumption and that too for exports and consumption abroad. Several lakhs of tonnes of grains worth crores of rupees go waste for want of proper storage and quality maintenance facilities. I charge this Government for inadequate care and improper infrastructure and total mismanagement. Union Ministers especially the commerce Minister Shri Murasoli Maran should have taken care to ensure quality of foodgrains especially when they are to be exported. They have miserably failed to manage our grain exports. Unfortunately several thousand tonnes of grains have been damaged and rendered unfit. When we have abundant tea cultivation, tea is being imported from Sri Lanka. It only benefits cultivators from Sri Lanka. Since our Government is not taking any care and do not handle things with responsibility, our agricultural produce meet with the fate of being returned back.

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER: No translation. You should have given notice. Let me call Shri Prabhunath Singh.

SHRI MANI SHANKAR IYER: Sir, he should be allowed.

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER: He was permitted to speak. But he should have given notice to speak in Tamil.