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Title: Need to set up an Agro Food Processing Park in Wayanand, Kerala.

SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR (CALICUT): Wayanad is characterized by its rich agro resources, with coffee, ginger, tea, banana, pepper, Arecanut, tapioca, vanilla etc. being the leading crops. Industrially, Wayanad is a backward district. Unfortunately, in Wayanad a number of farmers have committed suicides because of agrarian crisis. For this reason, State Government has accorded top priority to the development of agriculture in this district. It is due to this reason that the Government of Kerala has identified food processing industry as the most suitable industry for this district and announced an Agro Processing Park at Wayanad in 2006.

KINFRA as a statutory body of Government of Kerala has already initiated steps for acquisition of around 400 acres of land at Wayanad for this purpose.

I, therefore, urge upon the government to set-up an Agro Food Processing Park in Wayanad.