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Title: Problems being faced by coconut growers in Karnataka.

****SHRI M.SHIVANNA (CHAMRAJANAGAR) :** Sir, I would like to raise an important issue pertaining to the problems of coconut growers in Karnataka. Sir, coconut tree is considered as Kalpavriksha. Unfortunately, this Kalpavriksha has been attacked by a disease called 'NUSI'. ROOTWILT and NUSI diseases are

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causing grave concern among the coconut growers in Karnataka. These diseases cause low yield. My parliamentary constituency Chamrajanagar is a hilly area, coconut growers here, are badly affected by these diseases. Coconut is grown in about five thousand hectares in my district. Nearly fifty lakhs coconut trees were affected by these diseases. People were enjoying the tender water of coconut. But, now-a-days coconut growers are shedding tears as they are suffering huge losses due to low yield in coconut and fall in coconut price. Karnataka Government is giving only Rs.250/- for cutting and removing the diseased coconut trees. But coconut growers are actually spending more than Rs.500/- for the same purpose. Sir, it is not fair.

With these words, I conclude my speech Union Government to come forward and rescue the coconut growers with some special package.