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Title: Need to declare Kuthanad in Mavelikkara Parliamentary Constituency, Kerala as Special Agriculture Zone.

SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH (MAVELIKKARA): Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Sir, for giving me an opportunity to raise a matter of urgent public importance relating to my constituency.

Sir, Kuthanad is one of the largest paddy production areas of my parliamentary constituency in Kerala. The first UPA Government has announced a package for Kuthanad agricultural development. A sum of Rs.1,846 crore was announced by the Government of India. That has to be implemented by the State Government.

The eminent agriculture scientist, Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, suggested that Kuthanad be declared as a Special Agriculture Zone, but so far the Government of India has not taken any step. So, I would urge upon the Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture, to take necessary action to declare Kuthanad as a Special Agriculture Zone.