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Title: Need to establish an Agriculture University in Tiruvannamalai district in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI M. KRISHNASSWAMY (ARANI): I would like to draw the attention of the Government regarding the dire need to establish an agriculture university in Tiruvannamalai District in Tamil Nadu.

As the Government is well aware Tiruvannamalai District is basically an agricultural hub and consists only villages in the entire District. Tiruvannamalai District is also industrially backward and receives inadequate attention from the Government on agricultural related activities. More than 15 lakhs depend on agriculture in Tiruvannamalai District. Most of the farmers cultivate paddy and sugarcane in the district. Despite the District is famous for agricultural activities, not even a single Agriculture University has been set up. During my frequent visits to the District, the local farmers and their dependent communities implored me to take immediate measures to establish an agriculture university in Tiruvannamalai District to support and encourage the farming activities at various levels. I also hope that if an agriculture university is set up here, it will immensely benefit the local people besides the surrounding four districts which are also agriculture-based.

I, therefore, request the Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture to kindly look into the matter and initiate necessary immediate steps to establish an agriculture university in Tiruvannamalai District in Tamil Nadu.