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Title: Need to declare Tamil Nadu as a separate Egg Export Zone in the country.

*SHRI P R SUNDARAM (NAMAKKAL) : Thank you, Hon'ble Madam Speaker. Tamil Nadu Government under the able guidance of Hon'ble *Puratchithalaivi* Amma has taken several precautionary measures to control and contain bird flu in Tamil Nadu. Namakkal is the largest producer of eggs. In my Namakkal parliamentary constituency 3 crore eggs are produced every day. Out of which, 1 crore eggs are sent to different states of the country and also exported to foreign countries. Tamil Nadu Government under able guidance of Hon'ble *Puratchithalaivi* Amma held a meeting last week under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister and in the presence of District Collector to explain the poultry farmers the measures to be taken to contain and control bird flu. I also attended that meeting. Tamil Nadu Government functioning under the guidance of Hon'ble *Puratchithalaivi* Amma has announced that there is no bird flu in the State of Tamil Nadu. As per the statements of Tamil Nadu Poultry Farmers Association, the prices of eggs have not come down and eggs are being exported to foreign countries. Hon'ble Madam Speaker. What I want from the Government at the Union is that, as mentioned by me in this august House, the long pending demand of poultry farmers to divide all States as different zones should be fulfilled and Tamil Nadu should be announced as a separate zone with Namakkal as its headquarters. I also urge the Union Government to announce Namakkal district as egg export zone.