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Title: Regarding providing agricultural loans to farmers.

SHRI R.K. BHARATHI MOHAN (MAYILADUTHURAI): Hon'ble Chairman Sir, Vanakkam. Thank you for this opportunity. Everyone should get everything and poverty should be wiped out of this country. Having this fore-sighted vision, the Tamil Nadu government led by Hon. Chief Minister Dr. Puratchithalaivi Amma provides an additional 4% interest subsidy to farmers besides the subsidy for crop loans by the Union government. Short term agricultural loans are converted as interest free loans and as a result of which farmers repay these loans well in time. In an agro-based country like ours, farmers should be encouraged to avail agricultural loans to ensure growth in agricultural sector. Hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Dr. Puratchithalaivi Amma has, time and again, stressed that changes in the crop loan subsidy should be made only after arriving at a consensus at the meetings of National Development Council and Niti Aayog. I therefore urge upon the Hon. Prime Minister to look into this issue and ensure that the current interest subvention scheme on agricultural loans should be continued with present rates of interest till a consensus is arrived for effecting changes. Thank you.