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Title: Need to allocate funds for organising awareness camps in the backward areas of the country about global warming and environmental protection.

\*SHRI K. PARASURAMAN (THANJAVUR): Hon. Deputy Speaker Sir, Vanakkam. In olden days we had sufficient number of trees and plants that absorbed carbon-di-oxide released by human beings and to release oxygen to be inhaled by human-beings. There was absolute ecological balance. Today, we face global warming as a result of increased emission of Green House Gases. The world is witnessing effects of unprecedented rise in temperature, rise in sea level, decreasing snow in North Pole. Sea level has risen from 10 to 25 cm. In the Arctic region, the thickness of the snow has decreased upto 40 metres. The snow-clad glaciers that form the source of river Ganges, originating from the Himalayas, has been decreasing by 40 metres in size every year. In the last 20 years these glaciers have contracted by twice of its original size. Scientists are of the opinion that severe storms and hurricanes may be the ill effects of global warming. I urge upon the Hon. Union Minister of Environment and Forests to take necessary measures to tackle this issue by way of afforestation, organic farming and utilization of solar power, in close coordination with Government and Non-Governmental Organizations. There should be environmental friendly power generation. Hon. Prime Minister has launched the Green House Scheme to control emission of Green House Gases. Hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Amma has been implementing several schemes for protecting environment. There is a campaign throughout Tamil Nadu for creating awareness about protecting environment and the need for plantation of trees in large number. I urge upon the Union Minister for Environment to allocate funds for organising awareness camps in the backward areas of the country about global warming and environmental protection in close coordination with the States. Thank you.