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Title: Need to increase the purchasing price of milling copra to Rs. 140 per kilogram.

SHRI C. MAHENDRAN (POLLACHI): Thank you, hon. Deputy Speaker, Sir. I wish to bring to the kind attention of this hon. House that coconut growing is the main occupation of agriculturists of my Pollachi Parliamentary constituency. All of them are running their normal life by getting their income only through producing milling copra.

As per the guidance of our hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, as a Member of Parliament of Pollachi Parliamentary constituency nearly seven times, I have debated in this august House to increase the purchasing price of milling copra to Rs. 140 per kilogram. Even though the repeated requests were made through this House, the Union Government has fixed the procuring price of milling copra only at Rs. 59.50 per kilogram by increasing its price by Rs. 7 from Rs. 52.50 per kilogram without giving much importance to this issue.

Hence I urge upon the Minister of Agriculture through this hon. House to increase and fix the purchasing price of milling copra at Rs. 140 per kilogram immediately.

Thank you once again, Sir.