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Title: Regarding alleged propaganda against Arecanut.

SHRI S.P. MUDDAHANUME GOWDA (TUMKUR): Many farmers in the country are growing Arecanut Since time immemorial to eke out their livelihood. In Karnataka this is one of the major commercial crops being grown by farmers. For the last few days, there is some false propaganda that there is some cancerous element in the Arecanut and hence the need to ban its consumption. Recently Government of India has awarded a young entrepreneur who invented tea from Arecanut.

Hence, I urge the Union Government to clear the doubt being spread about cancerous matter in the consumption of Arecanut and encourage the Arecanut grower.