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Title: Need to provide special financial package to horticulture farmers of Karnataka -laid.

SHRI D.K. SURESH (BANGALORE RURAL): The horticulture farmers in the state of Karnataka faced huge loss due to successive droughts. There was huge damage to coconut and arecanut crops during 2017 and nearly 2.5 lakh hector area affected. This has affected more than 4 lakh small and marginal farmers in the state. The Govt of Karnataka has submitted proposal for special package of Rs. 2477.26 crore to help the affected farmers. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka met the Hon'ble Prime Minister for sanctioning the package but unfortunately it is not happened yet. Therefore, I urge upon the Union Govt to sanction the special package for the horticulture farmers of Karnataka as proposed by the state Government at the earliest.