

**Sixteenth Loksabha**

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Title: Request to approve import of 10 lakh tonnes of duty free maize for poultry farmers.

**SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM (NAMAKKAL):** Thank you, Deputy Speaker, Sir. My constituency, Namakkal, is the main producing district of egg and broiler in Tamil Nadu along with Erode, Karur, Palladam and Pollachi. Daily, 4 crore eggs and 4.5 crore chicks are being produced. The Tamil Nadu poultry industry is, now, facing an unexpected situation of shortage of basic raw material mainly maize due to the failure of North-East Monsoon.

Hence, I request the hon. Agriculture Minister to approve import of 10 lakh tonnes of duty-free maize for poultry farmers.

Thank you, Sir.

**HON. DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Shrimati V. Sathyabama is permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri P.R. Sundaram.