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Title: Regarding welfare measure for Orphaned children and elderly people affected by COVID-19 Pandemic -laid.

SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND (VELLORE) : Covid-19 pandemic has devastated the life of people in all walks of life. Around half a million Indians have lost their lives due to Covid-19. According to the data from National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), 30,071 children were orphaned, lost a parent or were abandoned. Due to COVID-19 pandemic thousands of families have lost their sole bread winner. Many aged parents have lost their only son or daughter and left unguarded. Such Children / Persons require care and protection, financial and social support. It is the bounden duty of Governments to undertake real time tracking to ensure the deprived people have safety and security in their life.

I urge the Union Government to create a corpus fund of Rs. 500 Crores for the welfare of orphaned Children and deprived elderly persons and a fixed deposit account for a sum of Rs.20 Lakh per orphaned Child and Rs.10 Lakh should be provided immediately.

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