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Title: Regarding the full exemption of agricultural inputs like fertilizers and insecticides from GST.

***SHRI S. RAMALINGAM (MAYILADUTHURAI):** Hon. Speaker Sir, Vanakkam. This is an important issue. Farmers have been waiting for long for the implementation of the recommendations found in the Report of the Committee led by Agricultural Scientist Prof. M. S. Swaminathan. I urge that these recommendations should be implemented by the Government soon. I request the BJP Government just to read their election manifesto once again. They have given an assurance that the agricultural inputs will not be under the ambit of tax. But now they have levied 5% GST on fertilizers and insecticides. I have learnt that this existing 5% GST may also increase to 12%. I therefore urge upon the Government that agricultural inputs like fertilizers and insecticides should be fully exempted from GST.