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**Title : Demand to procure turmeric and Gloriosa Superba through NAFED in Tamil Nadu.**

**SHRI A. GANESHAMURTHI (ERODE) : Hon. Speaker Sir, Vanakkam. The Government has been continuously announcing that they will be doubling the income of farmers. But the Government of the day has not understood the plight of farmers. Particularly, in Tamil Nadu agricultural activities are affected. Farmers do not get remunerative price for their produce. There are some shortcomings in the direct procurement of farm produce due to which farmers are affected. In my Erode constituency, turmeric is cultivated in an area of 8000 hectares of land. Since turmeric is not included in the list of direct procurement of products by the Union Government, farmers are at a loss.**

**Therefore the Union Government should procure turmeric through NAFED. Gloriosa Superba is grown in large area in Tiruppur and Dindigul districts of Tamil Nadu. Government should directly procure these flowers and seeds. The livelihood of farmers are affected due to several programmes of the Union. Delta district is the granary of Tamil Nadu. This region is affected due to exploration of hydrocarbon and methane. This region should be declared as agricultural zone and such exploration activities should be stopped. In the western side of Tamil Nadu, GAIL gas pipeline, IDPL oil pipeline and high voltage towers for transmission of electricity are some of the Union Government's programmes that are implemented. Because of these programmes farming is affected.**

**Instead of high voltage towers there should be underground cabling for transmission of power. The magnetic field on both the sides of high voltage towers affect the people living in that area. Due to underground cabling transmission losses could be averted. I urge upon the Union Government to provide compensation to already affected farmers by removing the bottlenecks. Instead of providing one time compensation amount, they can be given a monthly or yearly rent for the land occupied by these high voltage towers and the area which is covered through the transmission lines of power. Thank you.**

**माननीय अध्यक्ष:**

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