

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding issue of damage of crops due to high tension wires and safety of farmers of Tamil Nadu.

**DR. T. R. PAARIVENDHAR (PERAMBALUR):** Hon. Speaker, Sir, I thank you very much for giving me the time. I stand here to speak about the pitiable condition of farmers of Tamil Nadu. In 13 districts of Tamil Nadu and at Jantar Mantar in Delhi, the farmers from Tamil Nadu have been agitating for the last few days. Why? What for? This is for two reasons. One is due to high-tension towers over their agricultural land and the other one is due to their lands being used for laying hydrocarbon pipelines.

Firstly, high-tension towers, with 440 KV high voltage lines passing over their agricultural land, have been erected. They are small land owners holding half acre, one acre, or two acres of land. The passage of current from the high-tension lines over their lands causes frequent damage to their crops. Sir, you may ask, 'how is it possible and where is the proof?'

Here is the proof. It was very well demonstrated and proved by one of our Members of this House, Shri Ganeshamurthi. He is sitting in front of me. This is his photo. ...*(Interruptions)*

Please give me one minute. He stood just below the overhead high-tension line, holding two tube lights, one in each hand. The passage of current from the overhead lines reached the earth and in turn, it passed through the body of our Member, Shri Ganeshamurthi, and the two lights he was holding started glowing, proving the passage of current from these high-tension lines.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, my request to the Government is that these high-tension wires may very well be taken more economically through the cables along the roadside with proper safety measures. ...*(Interruptions)*