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Title: Issue regarding plight of farmers in the country.

*** SHRI DHANUSH M KUMAR (TENKASI):** Thank you Hon. Speaker Sir, for allowing me to deliver my maiden speech in this august House. I thank the DMK leader *Thalapathi* Thiru M.K Stalin for making me a Member of this House which guides the Government of our country. I thank the State Youth Wing Secretary of DMK Thiru Udhayanidhi Stalin, Thiru Anbagam Kalai, Thiru KKSSR, and the voters of my Tenkasi parliamentary constituency. I want to register in this House the plight of farmers of this country. Thirukkural says “They alone live who live by Agriculture, all others lead a dependant life.” Thirukkural couplets were written 2000 years ago. All our farmers are running behind the Ministers of this country seeking relief from them. This is the pathetic situation created by this Government. Farmers do not expect what is called as financial support of Rs 6000 per annum from the Government or subsidy for fertilizers and raw material for agricultural activities. They expect only a remunerative price for their agricultural produce. The manufacturers of all pin and other products have the right to fix the price for their products. But the farmers are left with no option but to look up to the Government with open hands requesting to give a remunerative price for their produce.

Sir, please give me a minute. If the farmers are able to fix the price for the produce, they will not be forced to commit suicides. In such a scenario, farmers will not even expect subsidies or loan waivers from the Government. I wish to register my views about farmers in this august

House as myself a farmer. I thank Hon. Speaker once again for this opportunity given to me. Thank you, Sir. Thank you very much.