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Title: Need to import Feed Grade Maize for Poultry farmers with Zero duty -laid.

SHRI A. K. P. CHINRAJ (NAMAKKAL): Tamil Nadu Poultry Farmers Association is an apex body of Poultry Farmers from across Tamil Nadu. Poultry industry in Tamil Nadu employs directly and indirectly more than 20 lakh people in rural areas. At National level Poultry Industry contributes close to Rs.70,000 crores to the GNP of our country.

Since Maize is the major ingredient in poultry feed, poultry farmers are facing huge financial loss due to unavailability of maize which will lead to higher cost of egg production and unemployment in India. I request the Union Govt. to approve import of 10 lakh tonnes of Maize with zero duty for poultry farmers. This will help the poultry farmers to manage the current shortage of maize and avoid financial loss of poultry farmers.

Hence, I urge upon the Union Government to permit import of 10 lakh tonnes of Feed Grade Maize for Poultry Farmers with zero duty.