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Title: Regarding withdrawal of Merchandise Export from India Scheme (MEIS).

DR. SUJAY VIKHE PATIL (AHMEDNAGAR): Hon. Speaker Sir, I would like to first of all thank you for giving me an opportunity to speak.

I would like to draw your attention to a notification issued by the Ministry of Commerce dated 11.06.2019 mentioning withdrawal of benefit for onions from the Merchandise Exports from India Scheme. I would like to bring to your notice that Maharashtra is the largest producer of onions in India, especially the northern part of Maharashtra, where my constituency Ahmednagar lies. It contributes about 50 to 60 per cent of the yield. Due to the withdrawal of the Scheme, where there is a ten per cent subsidy for export of onions, there is a high risk of the prices of onions falling. This would give a scare in the minds of the farmers who are already suffering from a situation of drought in Maharashtra. So, I would request the Government to extend the benefits of this Merchandise Exports from India Scheme for a period of six more months.

Thank you.

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