

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding sanctioning of a Central Agriculture University in Tamil Nadu.-Laid

**SHRI P. RAVINDHRANATH (THENI):** Tamil Nadu is one of the key food-producing states in the country with nearly 70% of the population engaged in agriculture and allied activities. Also, Tamil Nadu holds a significant position with respect to the output of agricultural produce. Hence, crucial initiatives and interventions are needed to develop sustainable farming systems for improving productivity and profitability in agriculture and allied sectors. Also, there is a need to train farmers in modern and advanced agricultural technology.

To promote excellent strategic & anticipatory research in the field of agriculture, the establishment of an institution of higher learning is vital. Such an institute will serve as an important link in the chain for converting agriculture and allied vocations, into profitable enterprises, and offering food and nutritional security for our nation.

Hence, I urge the Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture and Farmers welfare, to sanction a Central Agriculture University in Tamil Nadu, that will serve as a centre of excellence in teaching, research and extension education in the field of agriculture and allied sectors.

**HON. CHAIRPERSON:** The House stands adjourned to meet again at 4.00 p.m.

**14.33 hrs**

*The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Sixteen of the Clock.*

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**16.00 hrs**

*The Lok Sabha re-assembled at Sixteen of the Clock.*

*(Shri P.V. Midhun Reddy in the Chair)*

**16.0½ hrs**

*At this stage, Adv. Dean Kuriakose, Dr. DNV Senthilkumar and some other hon. Members came and stood on the floor near the Table.*

**HON. CHAIRPERSON:** Please have your seats. 'Zero Hour' is a very important thing we take up in the Parliament. Let the Members ask whatever is important.

*... (Interruptions)*

**HON. CHAIRPERSON:** We will give you a chance. Please have a seat.

*... (Interruptions)*

**HON. CHAIRPERSON:** Shri Deepak Baij.

*... (Interruptions)*

**HON. CHAIRPERSON:** Shri Pradeep Kumar Singh.

... (*Interruptions*)