

Regarding issues related to coconut farmers

SHRI K. NAVAS KANI (RAMANATHAPURAM): Hon Chairman Sir, Vanakkam. Coconut farmers live in my Ramanathapuram parliamentary constituency in huge numbers. Particularly in the area under Aranthangi Legislative Assembly segment coconut farmers are in good numbers. Coconut cultivation is done in more than 26 thousand hectares of land. More than 40000 families are dependent on coconut cultivation for their livelihood. In order to increase the income of coconut farmers and for them to get benefits every year, I urge that an industry related to manufacturing sub-products and by-products of coconut may soon be setup in my Ramanathapuram constituency. In the Ramanathapuram district of my constituency, in the areas surrounding Sayalkudi, palm growing farmers live in huge numbers. We have understood that protect of palm trees prevent soil erosion and provide soil health besides helping in increasing the ground water table. Our Hon Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Shri M. K. Stalin has started a Scheme to sow 1 Crore palm seeds besides ensuring the protection of palm trees, as well. I urge that palm cultivation is very much necessary and Union Government should extend help to the State of Tamil Nadu by way of adequate allocation of fund. Thank you for this opportunity.