

Request the Government to announce a special package for the revival of Cashew industries in Kerala

SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH (MAVELIKKARA): Thank you Chairperson Madam for giving me an opportunity to raise a matter of urgent public importance. Cashew industry is facing an unprecedented crisis and the situation is ignored by inaction of the Central Government and Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

It is shocking that around two lakh cashew workers are rendered jobless in the last four years in the Kollam, Alleppey, Pathanamthitta and Trivandrum districts and also in neighbouring States. This industry is facing a serious crisis. More than 10 people from the cashew industry committed suicide.

We have submitted so many memoranda to the Government of India for a special package for the cashew industry. But, unfortunately, the Government of India has not taken any step to revive the cashew industry in Kerala.

So, I would like to request the Government, through you, that a special package should immediately be announced for the revival of cashew industries. At least Rs. 1,000 crores should be given as revival package to the cashew industries in Kerala. Thank you.