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Title: Need to increase customs duty on Capro Lactum and import duty on edible oil to protect indigenous industry.

SHRI VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN (CHIRAYINKIL): Sir, the reduction of customs duty on Capro Lactum is highly detrimental to the interest of Fertilizers and Chemicals Limited, Allwaye. It is very likely that the biggest public sector undertaking in Kerala will have to be closed shortly. The Central Government should take immediate steps to increase the customs duty to protect this Indian industry.

The proposed enhancement of import duty on edible oil is very unsatisfactory. It will not do any help to the coconut farmers in South India. It is therefore, strongly demanded that the import duty be raised to 100 per cent at the moment.