

Title: Need to increase the import duty on Palm Oil.

SHRI P.C. THOMAS : Sir, reduction of import duty on palm oil was announced by the Finance Minister in the House during his reply to the debate on Finance Bill. It was also said that if the repercussions turn out to be adverse to the farmers, that could be considered further. I submit that the coconut farmers are seriously affected. Farmers producing edible oils from other items of farm produce are also getting affected. I would request the Government to take into consideration the plight of coconut farmers and the other farmers, and take necessary steps to alleviate their problems.