

Title: Regarding deplorable condition of the rubber and the coconut growers in the State of Kerala.

SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA (MAVELIKARA): Madam, the rubber growers and the coconut cultivators are facing a lot of problem in the State of Kerala. The hon. Finance Minister is here in the House. The State Government of Kerala as also all the Members of Parliament from Kerala repeatedly requested the Finance Minister ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Why are you disturbing him? He is speaking something important.

SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA : All the Members of Parliament representing the State of Kerala requested the hon. Finance Minister to increase the import duty on Palmoleen. We requested the Government to enhance the import duty up to 300 per cent but unfortunately it has been reduced by 10 per cent. Cheap quality of Palmoleen is being imported from Malaysia and as a result our farmers are suffering. I do not know why the Finance Ministry is sleeping over the matter. The Ministry has been continuously reducing the import duty. So, I request the hon. Finance Minister to save the coconut growers of Kerala.

Similarly, Minimum Support Price for rubber has been declared.

The tyre manufacturers are not taking rubber. The Government of India should intervene so that the tyre manufacturers purchase rubber from the growers. The STC should intervene in the market so that rubber is procured. Madam, the hon. Finance Minister is here. He should address the problem and save growers of the State.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The House stands adjourned for lunch till 2.30 p.m.

13.35 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned for Lunch till thirty minutes

past Fourteen of the Clock

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14.35 hrs.

The Lok Sabha re-assembled after Lunch at thirty five minutes

past Fourteen of the Clock.

(Shri Basu Deb Acharia in the Chair)

श्री मोहन रावले (मुम्बई दक्षिण मध्य) : सर, आज दक्षिण अफ्रीका और भारत के बीच अनऑफिशियल मैच हो रहा है, जिसका डर था, वही हुआ। हमने कहा था कि सरकार की तरफ से दबाव आना चाहिए और इसके लिए बोर्ड की एक स्पेशल मीटिंग बुलाई जानी चाहिए थी, ताकि इसे ऑफिशियल मैच घोषित किया जा सके।

सभापति महोदय : रावले जी, आप बैठिये, यह जीरो ऑवर नहीं है, जीरो ऑवर खत्म हो गया है। Please take your seat.

श्री मोहन रावले : सर, पोलाक, मैकग्राथ आदि खिलाड़ियों के खिलाफ कोई कार्रवाई नहीं हो रही है, हमारे बेचारे नौजवान खिलाड़ी सहवाग और हरभजन सिंह के खिलाफ कार्रवाई हो रही है।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Nothing will go on record.

*(Interruptions)**

सभापति महोदय : अब आप बैठिये, अब आप क्यों हाउस को डिस्टर्ब कर रहे हैं । आप हाउस का समय बेकार में नट कर रहे हैं ।

* Not Recorded