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Title: Problems being faced by farmers in hilly areas of Theni district in periakulam Constituency, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI J.M. AARON RASHID : This is a different issue and it is a very important issue concerning my constituency...(*Interruptions*)
सर, नागरकोइल (तामिलनाडु) में जो प्रोड्यूस होता है वह 20 किलो और 30 किलो होता है, लेकिन हमारे यहां 60 किलो होता है। यह जी-9 वैरायटी है। यह एक्सपोर्ट क्वालिटी का है।

Sir, in the recent floods, the plantain trees in my constituency have fell down. सर, तूफान में सब गिर जाता है। ...(*व्यवधान*)

सभापति महोदय : आप क्या चाहते हैं, आपकी डिमांड क्या है, वह बताइए?

श्री जे.एम.आरून रशीद : इसे स्टोरेज करने के लिए, We want scientifically storage for ripening these plantain trees in my constituency. We approached the Ministry of Food Processing in this regard...(*Interruptions*)

सभापति महोदय : You are not mentioning the subject. आप अपनी कंस्टीट्यूंसी में प्लांट स्टोरेज चाहते हैं। ठीक है। यह हो गया। आप बैठिए। श्री बृज किशोर त्रिपाठी।

SHRI J.M. AARON RASHID : Sir, please hear me for a while. Plantain trees are grown in my constituency. सर राउंड डि ईयर हम प्रोड्यूस करते हैं, जबकि बाकी जगह में ऐसा नहीं होता है।

MR. CHAIRMAN: What is your demand?

* Not recorded.

SHRI J.M. AARON RASHID : My demand is that the Food Processing Ministry should give permission to open a ripening plant in my constituency. Now, the growers have to take it to Bangalore, from there it goes to Chennai.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You want them to open a ripening plant in your constituency. Please take your seat now.

SHRI J.M. AARON RASHID : Sir, it is a very genuine demand of the people of my area. That is the need of the hour. If this ripening plant is opened in my area, the land owners will get about Rs.40,000 extra there itself. They are losing their money because of heavy rainfalls, floods and other natural calamities. If that plant is opened up there, they will cut and take their produce to the ripening plant and it can be saved. We are having good market for our produce in Madurai, Kochin and Chennai. If this produce has to be taken to Bangalore for ripening then it adds to the transportation cost also. Further more, in the forest border areas, the elephants enter the plantation areas and destroy the crop. This plantain is planted in Khambam, Gudaloor, Bodi, Chinnamanur and Periyakulam areas...(*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please conclude now.

SHRI J.M. AARON RASHID : Sir, we are producing this round the year, बाकी जगह में ऐसा नहीं है। So, we want a ripening plant to be opened by the Food Processing Ministry in my constituency Theni, particularly in Chinnamanur area.