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Title : Regarding Second Green Revolution in India.

SHRI P.C. THOMAS (MUVATTUPUZHA): Suicides by farmers are increasing in this country. Even last week, there had been two suicides in my State in Kerala. Recently, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, His Excellency the President of India, while inaugurating a huge *Karshika Mela* or *Kisan Mela* at Todupuzha in Kerala, organised by Gandhi Study Centre, has called for a second Green Revolution in this country. While emphasising the need for using modern techniques in agriculture, he said that new technologies have to be used in order to double the production in this country. This call has to be heard by this Government.

Between now and till the time the Budget is presented, we may not have time to discuss this. I urge upon the Government of India and also the Finance Minister to grant or to double the funds for agriculture and also ensure that modern techniques, including organic farming, are encouraged which will lead to a second Green Revolution in this country. In this way, the productivity is increased and the farming community can be saved at least from the suicides which are happening. I want to bring to the attention of this august House that two suicides have taken place in Kerala very recently and, therefore, I would request the Government to take immediate action in this regard.

MR. SPEAKER: I will allow only four Members.

Shri Chandra Mani Tripathi: he has given the notice, but he is not present.

Dr. Arun Kumar Sharma: he is not present.