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Title: Need to revive the tea and coffee estate in Kerala and to pay pending wages to the workers.

SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN (KASARGOD): I would like to raise the serious situation arisen due to the closure of plantations in Kerala.

Nearly, 22 tea and coffee estates have been closed in Kerala especially in Iddukki (District). About 25,000 workers are unemployed and are in very a pathetic condition, which led the workers to commit suicide. Crores of rupees of workers as wages and incentives are pending with the management.

Therefore, I urge upon the Central Government to take urgent steps for replantation and setting of workers issue and also give immediate relief to the poor workers.