## Fourteenth Loksabha

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Title: Need to take steps to control diseases in coconut trees.

SHRI J.M.AARON RASHID : सर, यदि एक घर में 10-12 कोकोनट ट्रीज होंगे तो एक परिवार के जीने के लिए ठीक इंकम हो जाती है। The coconut trees are afflicted by many kinds of diseases and one such disease causes wilting of the root thereby growth of the coconut trees get restricted and become smaller in size. The leaves also become yellow. In an effort to fight out such diseases of coconut trees in South American countries and in Kualalampur and Sri Lanka, there is a provision for aerial spray on these trees. [R35] This is done [MSOffice36] to avoid or curb the diseases. I would request the UPA Chairperson, Shrimati Sonia Gandhi, who gives able guidance to this Government, and the Prime Minister to allot more funds to the agricultural sector.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Thank you.

SHRI J.M. AARON RASHID: Sir, what is the meaning of 'thank you'? ..(Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: 'Thank you' means you have to conclude now.

(Interruptions)

SHRI J.M. AARON RASHID: I would request that the Government should go in for aerial spray to save the coconut farmers. In my constituency, most of the farmers are growing coconut trees. So, support price should be given to these farmers. I would request the Central Government to sanction more funds to the Tamil Nadu Government headed by Dr. Kalaignar Karunanidhi for aerial spray to protect the coconut trees and their producers. The Central Government should stop the import of coconut oil from Malaysia and Sri Lanka.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Bhanu Pratap Singh, this should not be treated as a precedent.