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Title: Need to provide road connectivity from Thuravoor on N.H.47 to Main Central Road in Kerala under Central Road Fund Project.

SHRIMATI C.S. SUJATHA (MAVELIKARA): The agrarian sector in the State of Kerala has been experiencing crisis for couple of years. The fall in prices of agricultural produces particularly that of the cash crops has seriously affected a large section of farmers in the State.

The Coconut crop is the main stay of the state's agriculture. For the last p[many years coconut farmers in the state have been facing serious crisis due to fall in prices as well as recurring diseases of the coconut tree. The new decision to allow large-scale import of Palm Oil from abroad will further cripple this sector. This will result in further lowering of prices of coconut oil and allied products.

In view of the grave situation, I urge the Central Government to step in urgently and save the coconut farmers of the country and also evolve proper mechanism for the purpose.