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Title: Need to protect cattles from 'Foot and Mouth disease' spreading in Erode district of Tamil Nadu.

SHRI S.K. KHARVENTHAN (PALANI): Madam, farmers of Tamil Nadu, particularly of my Erode District, depend upon milk and milk products for their livelihood. They have a large number of cows, buffaloes, goats and other cattle. More than 500 cattle had died within a month in Periyapuliyoor and Palayakottai villages in Erode District due to foot and mouth disease. The District Collector has sent four medical teams to the affected areas. However, it has not been possible to control the disease so far. Farmers there are badly affected as they lost their cattle due to the sudden outbreak of this killer disease. The disease is spreading now throughout Tamil Nadu. Hence, I urge upon the Government of India to take urgent steps to control this killer disease and provide compensation to the affected farmers.