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Title: Need to provide loans on easy terms to farmers engaged in Animal Husbandry Sector.

SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN (DINDIGUL): In the Indian economy, 18.4% of GDP is coming from agriculture and balance 81.6% from manufacturing and service sectors. But agricultural employment is 57% out of the Indian population. Again, agriculture is growing @ 2.7% per annum in GDP while service and manufacturing sectors are growing @ 10% per annum. In agriculture sector, Dairy & Animal Husbandry is the only sector which is growing at more than 4% which accounts for 26% of agriculture.

Since the agriculture depends on monsoon, the agriculturists are not able to get reasonable and fair prices for their produces, they are not able to repay the loans which leads to suicidal deaths.

Focus on Dairy to help the farmer for better prosperity in agriculture will help the country and the farmers. Main reason being milk is the only commodity, where farmer can get liquidity for ail 365 days in a year. Purchase price of milk is more or less stable.

Thus dairying is the only sector in agriculture which can pay better salaries and help increase productivity in agriculture. The farmer can plant varieties of fodder and reduce the cost of crude protein by better agri practices.

Hence, I urge upon the Hon'ble Prime Minister to initiate various measures like liberal advance with subsidy for the purchase of cattles, fodder cutting machines and appliances and cattles shed at reduced rate of interest, which will definitely be an alternate for agriculture and reduce the financial burden of agriculturists throughout the country.