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Title: Need to take steps to control the price of essential commodities in the country.

SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN (KASARGOD): Madam Speaker, I would like to place before this House a very serious situation prevailing in the country due to uncontrolled price rise of essential commodities. The day-to-day budget of every citizen has really destabilized now. In Delhi itself, the price of onions has gone up between Rs. 80 and Rs. 90 per kilo and the price of tomatoes has gone up between Rs. 35 and Rs. 40 per kilo. When we go to the market, we find that the price of every vegetable item has gone upto Rs. 80 per kilo. In this way, the prices of almost all the essential commodities have gone up. The Government has fully failed to control the price rise. So, I would like to know what measures the Government has taken. ...(*Interruptions*) It is true that the Government has taken some measures, but they are only to promote the price rise. The Government has raised the price of petroleum 27 times. ...(*Interruptions*) It is true for the prices of diesel also. That is also one of the most important reasons for price rise. ...(*Interruptions*) Now-a-days, in the market, the ordinary people are not able to buy any item with their meagre income. ...(*Interruptions*)

So, I would like to demand that a special discussion should be initiated in the House and the Government should say what measures it is going to take to control the price rise. ...(*Interruptions*) Thank you. ...(*Interruptions*)

MADAM SPEAKER:

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Shri P.R. Natarajan are allowed to associate themselves with the issue raised by Shri P. Karunakaran.

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