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Title: Need to enhance the import duty on natural rubber.

SHRI P.T. THOMAS (IDUKKI): I want to draw the immediate attention of the Government towards the struggle of rubber farmers in Kerala due to fall in price of natural rubber. Majority of cultivators are small and marginal farmers depending only on this crop for their survival. These farmers are already in trouble due to crop loss this year and now the price fall has added to their worries. The main reason for the price fall is import of natural rubber.

I, therefore, request the Government to enhance the import duty on natural rubber to save the rubber farmers.