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Title: Need to set up food processing industries and cold storages in Cuddalore Parliamentary Constituency, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI S. ALAGIRI (CUDDALORE): There is a scope to set up Food Processing Industries based on Banana and Cashew nut in my Parliamentary Constituency Cuddalore, Tamil Nadu. Crores of rupees, supposed to be earned from Cashew nut and Banana is being lost every year due to non-availability of Food Processing Industries and Cold Storage facilities. The Department of Food Processing Industries must explore the possibility for setting up of Food Processing Industries in the area. The Cold Storage facilities are also not available to the farmers so as to enable them to protect their foodgrains, fruits and vegetables from getting perished. Since, this Parliamentary Constituency falls under the coastal area, the sea food industries can also be set up here for which demand is increasing in the foreign countries.

I urge upon the concerned Minister to take necessary steps for setting up Food Processing Industries and Cold Storages in my Parliamentary Constituency of Cuddalore in Tamil Nadu.

*Treated as laid on the Table