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Title: Need to provide grant for research and development to Tamil Nadu Agricultural University Coimbatore.

SHRI K. SUGUMAR (POLLACHI): Tamil Nadu Agricultural University at Coimbatore is one of the constituent colleges of the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University. This is the first college started in Southern India for providing agricultural engineering education and has the departments such as Farm Power and Machinery, Soil and Water Conservation Engineering, Food and Agricultural Process Engineering, Bio Energy, Agricultural Machinery Research Centre, Post Harvest Technology Center, Physical Sciences and Information Technology. This Agricultural University at Coimbatore offers courses in B.Sc.(Agriculture), B.Sc.(Sericulture), B. Tech. (Biotechnology), B.Tech. Bioinformatics), B. S. (Agri business Management) and B.Tech (Agricultural Information Technology). This institution helps the farming community in improving their levels of living by developing and disseminating Agricultural Engineering technologies through quality research, education and training in surrounding districts which are having rich agricultural activities. However, this institution has not received any grant or fund from the Central Government for its various research and development activities for the last four years. Therefore, I urge upon the Government to immediately provide grants/funds to it so that its research and development work is not hampered due to paucity of funds in the interest of farmers.