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Title: Need to provide financial support to rubber growers in the country.

SHRI ANTO ANTONY (PATHANAMTHITTA): This is to request the Government to kindly allocate atleast 20 percent of the tax collected from the rubber sector for supporting the rubber growers in the country. The Government collects an amount of Rs. 15000 crore from income tax, corporate tax, and import duty. Moreover, the Government has already collected more than Rs. 1000 crore as rubber cess. At the same time rubber growers in the country are under acute finance crisis due to the continuous fall in the prices of natural rubber. If the Government could earmark 20 percent of amount generated through various taxes and cess from the rubber sector for the support of rubber growers in the country it will be a great relief for them in this difficult period. Therefore, I request the Government to kindly help the rubber growers in the country.