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Title: Need to set up infrastructure to stop wastage of food items.

SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA (AMBALA): Thank you, Chairman, Sir. I would like to bring to the kind notice of the hon. Agriculture Minister that Indian farmers produce huge amount of food grains, with their hard work, for fulfilling the needs of the Indian population. But, there is food wastage. Perishable commodities such as fruits, vegetables, fish, meat and milk have wastage of 15 to 25 per cent while non-perishable commodities witness wastage between 5 and 15 per cent. This is putting considerable pressure on natural resources.

In the year 2050, the population of India will be 1.65 billion. In view of fulfilling the food needs of the population, we will have to prepare a vision document which provides the strategic framework for innovation-led inclusive and sustainable agricultural growth in the country. Therefore, I humbly request the Government to set up infrastructure to stop food wastage.

Thank you, Sir.

HON. CHAIRPERSON:

Shri Bhairon Prasad Mishra and

Kunwar Pushpendra Singh Chandel are permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri Rattan Lal Kataria.