

Sixteenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding strike by transporters in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM (NAMAKKAL): Thank you Deputy Speaker, Sir.

I wish to bring to your notice the important all-India strike announced by the Motor Transport Association regarding various demands from the Union Government including:

1. diesel under GST with a tax slab of 18 per cent;
2. reduction in diesel price and uniform national pricing policy;
3. fuel prices must be revised once in three months and not daily;
4. reduction in insurance premium; and
5. cancellation of toll gate fees and so many other demands.

This strike will badly affect the common man, as essential items like vegetables and milk supply will be affected. If the strike continues, vegetable prices will increase highly. Diesel price has been increased by 10.3 per cent a litre in June 2018. More than 75 lakh vehicles all over India and 13 lakhs vehicles in every State will not be working. Around four lakh goods transport vehicles will not run in Tamil Nadu alone.

My Namakkal Constituency is well known for huge number of transportation vehicles. Items like sago, turmeric are cultivated in large volumes and transported all over India and worldwide. This lorry strike has badly affected these farmers.

Considering these above facts, I would request the Union Government to take immediate steps to put an end to the nation-wide strike by All India Motor Transport Association for the welfare of the people of this country.

HON. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Rabindra Kumar Jena and Shrimati V. Sathyabama are permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri P.R. Sundaram.