

शिष्य गुरु की इस परंपरा को आज भी भारतीय संस्कृति के लोग स्मरण करते हैं और अच्छे शिष्य बनने के लिए वीर एकलव्य का नाम उदाहरण के तौर पर लिया जाता है। इन परिस्थितियों में वीर एकलव्य बहुत पराक्रमी, त्यागी और गुरु परम्परा का सम्मान करने वाले भारतीय सभ्यता और संस्कृति के योद्धा थे, जिनसे पूरे समाज को प्रेरणा मिलती है।

अतः मैं सभापीठ के माध्यम से केंद्र सरकार से पुरजोर मांग करता हूँ कि वीर एकलव्य के नाम से देश में वीरता पुरस्कार अथवा अन्य महत्वपूर्ण पुरस्कारों का नाम रखा जाए, ताकि वीर एकलव्य की शिष्य परंपरा से देश का नौजवान प्रेरित हो सके।

Demand to announce a Minimum Support Price for procurement of tea leaves from small tea growers of Nilgiri District

SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN (Tamil Nadu): Sir, Nilgiris district in South India have 45,000 hectares of tea plantations. They produce 70 million kilograms per year. And, 40 per cent of the tea grown in the Nilgiris is by small tea growers, who own small farms from 10 cents to about five acres.

A sharp decline in the price of green tea leaves, shortage of workers, and dearth of tea processing units in the public sector have hit small-scale tea growers in India.

The spot price of green leaves on Saturday was ₹8 a kg against ₹13 a kg during the last year. The tea growers are forced to sell their produce at throwaway price. The prevailing price in the market is not profitable as the production cost has doubled now. A farmer should get at least ₹18 a kg to survive.

The average production from an acre is 500 kg a month and a farmer would get an income of ₹4,000 from it.

But, he has to spend ₹3,500 as plucking charges and around ₹1,500 for fertilizer and pesticides. The Tamil Nadu Government, under the guidance of our revered leader Puratchi Thalaivar AMMA, protects the interests of tea farmers by providing ₹2 a kg for tea leaves as subsidy. We urge the Government of India to give an additional subsidy of ₹3 per kilogram for the small tea growers.

I would request to kindly consider announcing a statutory Minimum Support Price for the small tea growers.

Demand for creating a Legal Framework to check espionage of the Government by Corporate Houses in the country

SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR (Karnataka): Sir, the recent corporate espionage incidents squarely puts the spotlight back on the Indian corporate sector and their relationship with Government. While the role of politicians and bureaucrats in the slew of scams has been widely debated, the role of corporates in the disturbing