

Adulterated food items in the market

SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ (Tamil Nadu): * "Hon'ble Chairman Sir, I thank you very much for giving me this opportunity, fviost of the food products we use on daily basis, such as milk, cooking oil, pulses, cool drinks, turmeric and chilli powder etc. are found to be adulterated. A study had revealed that nearly 68% of the milk sold in India is adulterated with detergent, fat, urea, chalk, and caustic soda. We are feeding this milk to our children who are the future leaders of our country. All the products used for preparation of food are contaminated with toxic chemicals which are very harmful and hazardous to our health. I can say that we cannot get any product without contamination. To prevent fish from deteriorating, fish traders are using formalin, a toxic and carcinogenic chemical commonly used to preserve dead bodies in mortuaries. Sir, this formalin is a cancer causing agent. The situation is very severe in the case of fruits and vegetables also. Toxic chemicals are being used to keep vegetables fresh. In totality everything is contaminated with toxic chemicals that are dangerous to the health of common man. There are many Acts to curb adulteration. There is an act titled, "Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006". If we examine the data, the number of samples analysed every year and the convictions awarded under the said Act, there is a huge mismatch considering the size and population of our country. Unless we take strong steps, the health of our people will be in great trouble. Health is wealth. Any country's wealth depends on the health of its people. Therefore, I urge upon the Government through your good self that strong steps should be taken to eliminate adulteration as expeditiously as possible. Thank you."

MR. CHAIRMAN: The hon. Member was explaining in detail about massive adulteration in various food items.

SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I associate myself with the hon. Member.

SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I also associate myself with the hon. Member.

SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM (Kerala): Sir, I also associate myself with the hon. Member.

SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I also associate myself with the hon. Member.

* English translation of speech made in Tamil.

SHRI VINAY DINU TENDULKAR (Goa): Sir, I also associate myself with the hon. Member.

SHRI JOSE K. MANI (Kerala): Sir, I also associate myself with the hon. Member.

SHRI BINOY VISWAM (Kerala): Sir, I also associate myself with the hon. Member.

SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD (Kerala): Sir, I also associate myself with the hon. Member.

SHRI K.K. RAGESH (Kerala): Sir, I also associate myself with the hon. Member.

SHRI SASMIT PATRA (Odisha): Sir, I also associate myself with the hon. Member.

SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN (Karnataka): Sir, I also associate myself with the hon. Member.

DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH (Karnataka): Sir, I also associate myself with the hon. Member.

SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH (Madhya Pradesh): Sir, I also associate myself with the hon. Member.

SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I also associate myself with the hon. Member.

SHRI BHASKAR RAO NEKKANTI (Odisha): Sir, I also associate myself with the hon. Member.

चौधरी सुखराम सिंह यादव (उत्तर प्रदेश): सभापति महोदय, मैं भी माननीय सदस्य द्वारा सदन में उठाए गए विषय से अपने आपको सम्बद्ध करता हूँ।

श्रीमती कहकशां परवीन (बिहार): सभापति महोदय, मैं भी माननीय सदस्य द्वारा सदन में उठाए गए विषय से अपने आपको सम्बद्ध करती हूँ।

† محترمہ کہکشاں پروین (بہار) : سبھا پتی مہودے، میں بھی مائٹے سدسنے کے ذریعے سدن میں اٹھانے گئے وشنے سے اپنے آپ کو سمبڈھ کرتی ہوں۔

श्री रणविजय सिंह जूदेव (छत्तीसगढ़): सभापति महोदय, मैं भी माननीय सदस्य द्वारा सदन में उठाए गए विषय से अपने आपको सम्बद्ध करता हूँ।

†Transliteration in Urdu script.

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MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, Shri Md. Nadimul Haque. ...*(Interruptions)*... Silence, please. ...*(Interruptions)*...

Impact of cyclone Bulbul in West Bengal

SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE (West Bengal): Sir, I would like to draw your attention, and, through you, of the whole House, towards the devastating impact that cyclone Bulbul recently had in the State of West Bengal and Odisha. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: You have two minutes. And, Shri Manas Ranjan Bhunia will have one minute to speak. The cyclone has affected the lives of thousands of people with houses being brought down and electricity cables being snapped in six districts of West Bengal, namely, East and West Midnapur, North and South 24 Parganas, Hooghly and Howrah. The Irrigation and Waterways Department, the Power Department and sectors such as fisheries and animal resources have suffered losses. There have been heavy damages to roads in the affected areas as well. The greatest casualty has been the agriculture sector with huge losses. The areas are now limping back to normal. A robust plan has been implemented to ensure that the farmers are compensated for their losses before the next harvest.

Family members of those who have lost their lives have been compensated to the tune of ₹2,40,000/-, and as many as 4,35,000 tarpaulines and 6.2 lakh water pouches have been distributed by the State Public Health Department. Damaged roads are being repaired, but the total loss incurred so far by the State is of ₹ 23,811 crores. The survey suggests that this loss could go up to as much as ₹ 50,000 crores. Sir, you must be knowing that the Indian Meteorological Department have released data which shows that there has been a 32 per cent increase in cyclones and super cyclones in the Arabian Sea and in the Bay of Bengal.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You have to conclude now.

SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Sir, in this scenario, climate change becomes a serious concern. I urge the Government that the loss that our State has suffered may be compensated by giving extra relief and extra disaster management fund to us. Thank you.