

Demand to stop import of Areca and Ginger into the country

SHRI K. VANLALVENA (Mizoram): Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, the farmers of the North-East are facing serious problems regarding the export of their areca and ginger products nowadays. These problems have been created by the import of such goods from foreign countries. I am strongly demanding to stop the incoming of areca and ginger from neighbouring foreign countries. The economy of a large number of farmers in the North-East depends on the production of ginger and areca. In the meantime, a huge quantity of dried areca has been imported from Myanmar through the States of Mizoram and Manipur illegally. Although the Government is deploying customs officials and Assam Rifles in the Myanmar border, a huge amount of dried areca is still being imported by some smugglers. Many people of the North-East thought that the Government officials and such smugglers are working together to import such illegal areca across the borders. Moreover, the Government of India has also imported a large quantity of ginger from foreign countries like China. Such kind of importing agricultural products hampers the economy of farmers who grow ginger and areca in the States of North-East India.

I strongly demand the Government to take necessary action to stop the unnecessary import of ginger and areca from neighbouring countries. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Thank you. The following Members associated themselves with the matter raised by the hon. Member, Shri K. Vanlalvena: Shri Rwngrwa Narzary (Assam), Shrimati Mahua Maji (Jharkhand), Dr. Fauzia Khan (Maharashtra), Dr. John Brittas (Kerala), Shri Jose K. Mani (Kerala), and Dr. Sasmit Patra (Odisha).

Concern over rising cases of suicides among students of Indian Institute of Technology and other educational institutes of Kota

SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA (Assam): Thank you very much for allowing me to speak on one of the very important subjects of today. In the last couple of months, we have very seriously observed that brilliant students studying in coaching centres in Kota, Rajasthan and All India Institute of Medical Sciences have an unnatural death which is rising day-to-day. We are very much concerned about this.