

हैं, अतः मेरा आपके माध्यम से भारत सरकार से आग्रह है कि भरतपुर, भीलवाड़ा, चुरू, पाली एवं डूंगरपुर मेडिकल कॉलेज में बहुविषयक अनुसंधान इकाई (एमडीआरयू) के प्रोजेक्ट की स्वीकृति एवं धनराशि जल्द जारी की जाए। उपसभाध्यक्ष महोदय, मुझे यहाँ पर बोलने का अवसर देने के लिए आपका बहुत-बहुत धन्यवाद।

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA): The following hon. Members associated themselves with the Special Mention made by Shri Neeraj Dangi: Shri Pramod Tiwari (Rajasthan), Shri Imran Pratapgarhi (Maharashtra), Shrimati Phulo Devi Netam (Chhattisgarh), Shri Madan Rathore (Rajasthan), Shrimati Jebi Mather Hisham (Kerala), Shri Anil Kumar Yadav Mandadi (Telangana), Shri P. Wilson (Tamil Nadu), Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu (Tamil Nadu), Dr. Sasmit Patra (Odisha), Dr. John Brittas (Kerala) and Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla (Tamil Nadu).

Shri Sant Balbir Singh. Demand for compensation for Horticultural Crops damaged due to natural calamities.

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SHRI SANT BALBIR SINGH (Punjab): Compensation is provided by the Government in cases of loss of crops due to natural calamities. These natural disasters occur frequently in the forms of floods and droughts. While horticulture also suffers losses due to natural calamities, no compensation is provided for them. Horticulture, which is also seen as an alternative form of agriculture, conserves groundwater and helps in keeping the environment clean. Orange orchards have been planted on a large scale in Fazilka, Abohar, Hoshiarpur, and other places in Punjab. After falling prey to the natural blight, many horticultural farmers repented of it and were forced to dig up their green gardens. Horticulture in this area is dependent on canal water as their groundwater is saline. This is also causing damage to the gardens.

During the last two years, 2021-22 and 2022-23, around 40,000 farmers in Bathinda, Muktsar, and Fazilka uprooted their gardens due to climate change. Sir, climate change is having the worst impact on horticulture. Therefore, it is our strong demand that the interests of horticulture farmers across the country, including Punjab, should be taken care of.

Sir, I request Government that in case of loss of their horticulture due to natural calamities, they should be compensated like loss of normal crops. To encourage horticulture, maximum subsidies should be given so that farmers turn to horticulture and arrange for the marketing of their fruits. Loans of horticultural farmers and laborers should be waived of. Tools and machinery used for horticulture should be

made cheaper.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA): Thank you, Balbir Singh ji. You have raised an important issue. The following hon. Members associated themselves with the Special Mention made by Shri Sant Balbir Singh: Shri Sanjeev Arora (Punjab), Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu (Tamil Nadu), Dr. Sasmit Patra (Odisha), Shri P. Wilson (Tamil Nadu), Dr. John Brittas (Kerala) and Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla (Tamil Nadu).

Shrimati Sulata Deo. Concern over cruelty against animals.

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SHRIMATI SULATA DEO (Odisha): Sir, I would like to bring to the notice of the House an important issue of cruelty against animals. Sir, animals cannot express their pain in human language, but they have souls and feel suffering just like us. It is our duty to understand their problems and protect them.

We need strict laws to check cruelty against animals and also to ensure that those who harm animals are held accountable. Proper measures and monitoring should be implemented to prevent abuse and neglect. Additionally, illegal slaughterhouses must be banned immediately to stop the inhumane treatment of animals. By taking these steps, we can create a society that respects and cares for all living beings. It is time to act and ensure that animals are treated with the compassion and dignity they deserve. I urge the Government to look into it. Thank you.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA): The following hon. Members associated themselves with the matter raised by hon. Member, Shrimati Sulata Deo: Dr. Sasmit Patra (Odisha), Shri Sandosh Kumar P (Kerala), Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu (Tamil Nadu), Shri P. Wilson (Tamil Nadu), Shrimati Jebi Mather Hisham (Kerala), Shri Muzibulla Khan (Odisha), Dr. John Brittas (Kerala), Shri Niranjan Bishi (Odisha) and Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla (Tamil Nadu).

Now, Mr. Sandosh Kumar P. He will speak about 'Need to Address the Problems Faced by Kannur International Airport'.

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SHRI SANDOSH KUMAR P (Kerala): Sir, the Kannur International Airport is facing a serious crisis due to huge financial loss and a lack of sufficient airlines to meet the