

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding establishment of a Bamboo cluster at Payakaraopeta, Andhra Pradesh-laid.

**DR. BEESETTI VENKATA SATYAVATHI (ANAKAPALLE):** The usage of bamboo has been a tradition in India since time immemorial. Bamboo can be used as a sustainable resource for generating new jobs. Adopting new technology, skill development, and marketing strategy can evolve the bamboo industry and create new jobs. Moreover, India is moving towards increasing the export of Bamboo products. To promote our honourable Prime Minister's mission of "Vocal for Local", the artisans should be trained to create modern articles with bamboo. The government by establishing new bamboo clusters in the country could help the bamboo artisans in evolving with the changing trends in the market.

However, in Andhra Pradesh, the bamboo utility products made in Payakaraopeta town are very famous. The union government should set up a bamboo cluster at Payakaraopeta. The bamboo cluster could impart training and broaden the manufacturing ambit of bamboo products such as Bamboo curtains, Bamboo jewelry, Bamboo bags, Bamboo mural products, and other products. Hence, I request the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare to establish a Bamboo cluster in Payakaraopeta of Andhra Pradesh under the National Bamboo Mission for the benefit of Bamboo artisans in Andhra Pradesh.