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Title: Need to reopen Tamil Nadu Magnesite Limited in Salem Parliamentary constituency of Tamil Nadu - Laid.

**SHRI S. R. PARTHIBAN (SALEM):** Tamil Nadu Magnesite Limited was formed in January, 1979. For protecting the Magnesite Mineral ore, this Magnesite Plant plays an important role in the socio-economic development of Salem district.

Now, this mine is closed for the last 3 years because of not getting the Central Government Environmental licence.

As a result, 1500 workers lost their jobs and more than 1000 people have been affected indirectly.

Government has lost hundreds of crores of rupees in the form of Royalty, Sales Tax and Foreign Exchange.

Therefore, both Central and State Governments must come forward to reopen the environmentally non-vulnerable and non-toxic Magnesite mine.