

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding existential crisis being faced by Sivakasi Industry in Virudhunagar.

SHRI B. MANICKAM TAGORE (VIRUDHUNAGAR): Sir, today is an important day as the Lok Sabha has recorded 126 per cent productivity in this Session.

I would like to speak about the voiceless people of the firecracker industry and the matchbox industry in Sivakasi. More than six lakh people are dependent on that industry which is facing its existential crisis because of the Supreme Court's rulings and we are facing the most difficult time in history. I have taken it up with the hon. Minister of Commerce and Industry but still, no help came from the Central Government. So, I request that there should be some kindness towards the people of the fireworks industry in Sivakasi. Sivakasi is the place where the fireworks industry has existed for hundred years and it is called 'Kutty Japan'. This industry gives employment to more than six lakh people. It is not the only industry which is suffering. The firecracker industry serves the printing industry and the matchbox industry which are also facing existential crisis. Through you, Sir, I would like to request the hon. Minister of Commerce and Industry to help the Sivakasi industry to get out of the crisis.

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