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Title: Demand to set up an institute called Sambalpuri Handloom Research Centre in Bargarh.

SHRI SURESH PUJARI (BARGARH): Mr. Chairman, I would like to speak about a district in Odisha which is called Bargarh and I represent Bargarh Parliamentary Constituency.

Bargarh District is number one in Odisha for production of paddy. In addition to that, so far as handloom is concerned, Sambalpuri handloom is very popular in India. I would like to submit to the Textile Ministry, through you, that more than 20,000 families work in the handloom sector in my district and it has produced 75 National Awardees, 10 Sant Kabir Awardees and 25 State Awardees. We also have the Indian Institute of Handloom Technology at Bargarh to provide higher education in the handloom sector. My demand to the Government, through you, is that we need a Handloom Research Centre in my constituency on the lines of Tea Research Institute, Silk Research Institute, Rice Research Institute etc. These kinds of institutes are functioning in different parts of the country.

So, I would like to place a demand to the Textile Ministry, through you, to set up an institute called Sambalpuri Handloom Research Centre in my Bargarh district. Now-a-days, so far as modern apparels are concerned, the trend is Sambalpuri, the brand is Sambalpuri and I would like to say Jay Maa Samaleswari.