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Title: Regarding rising rate of unemployment of textile worker in Tamilnadu.

SUSHRI S. JOTHIMANI (KARUR): Hon. Speaker, Sir, Vanakkam. I thank you for the great opportunity given to me to make my maiden speech in this august House.

Sir, I am a first-time Member from a humble agricultural background and I can proudly say that I am the first woman MP from Karur as well. I thank the people of Karur and the Congress Party for this great opportunity.

Karur is known for the textile industry and is the fourth largest textile exporter in the country. It is also a leading player in building bus body and mosquito net. It generates around Rs.6000 crore in foreign exchange through export. The industry employs more than three lakh people out of which 70 per cent are women.

Through you, Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the Government to the most important crisis - the rising unemployment and the plight of the textile industry - that my constituency Karur, the Western part of Tamil Nadu and the State of Tamil Nadu as a whole is facing.

The rising competition from the neighbouring countries and the hasty implementation of GST have put the textile industry into a big stress. Also, the Basel III norm, classifying textile sector as stressed sector, has tightened the hands of the bankers and financial institutions in lending money to the textile units. Since most of the textile chains

fall under MSME category, NPA-classified units are being reported every day. This leads to the closure of thousands of business houses and thus resulting in unemployment.

Recently, in Tamil Nadu 10 lakh people with higher qualifications, like MBA and M.Tech. had applied for the sweeper job. This indicates the state of unemployment that is there in the country. Aspiring young men and women are jobless. The dreams of the families and parents of a great future for their children are being shattered. Make-in-India cannot be a mere slogan. It should be implemented in letter and spirit.

I quickly come to a few solutions to revamp the industry. Most of the textile industries flourish under MSME. I urge upon the Government to introduce 20 per cent tax rate for the partnership firms with sales up to Rs.10 crore....(*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: Shrimati V. Geetha.

SUSHRI S. JOTHIMANI : Sir, please allow me to finish by making only two points. Please give me one minute to suggest two or three solutions. I do not want to politicise the issue....(*Interruptions*)

SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH (KAKINADA):
Thank you, Speaker, Sir, for giving me this opportunity.

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