

Seventeenth Loksabha

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**Title: Regarding Modernization of NTC Mill in Tirupati.**

**SHRI MADDILA GURUMOORTHY (TIRUPATI):** Sir, the National Textile Corporation (NTC) is an important Central Public Sector Undertaking that runs 23 textile mills across the country. One such mill run by the NTC is in Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh. This textile mill is of great importance for the State of Andhra Pradesh, supporting roughly 1,000 families living below the poverty line.

Due to the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent nationwide lockdowns, production activities in all NTC Mills were suspended from March 2020. The immense economic loss suffered by the textile industry during the pandemic has prevented most NTC mills from restarting their operations.

The NTC mill in Tirupati has suffered a similar fate. However, this mill has more viability and is equipped with sufficient resources. All that is required is adequate investment for repair and modernisation to bring it to a fully functioning stage.

I, therefore, request the Government to take necessary action for the NTC Mill in Tirupati to function, which will provide much needed relief to the BPL families that it supports through its operations.