

Title: Need to continue giving rebate on coir products particularly in Kerala.

SHRI VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN (CHIRAYINKIL): Madam Chairperson, the coir industry in which about five lakh people, mostly women are employed in Kerala, faces a crisis because of the discontinuance of rebate scheme by the Central Government. The 20 per cent rebate scheme on sale of coir yarn and coir products was introduced by the Central Government in 1987. It was continued till date. The discontinuance is not justified. Urgent steps may be taken in this matter to continue the rebate system which was in existence to save the industry from ruin.