

Title: Need to safeguard the interests of coir industry in the country.

SHRI VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN (CHIRAYINKIL): Sir, the traditional coir industry engaging about five lakhs of women workers is on the ruin. Coir production is at a standstill because of the non-availability of market for coir products. The Union Government had also withdrawn all the subsidy granted to the coir workers. Their welfare fund schemes are also in crisis. I, therefore, request the Central Government to intervene in the matter and save the coir workers from starvation.