

Title: Need to protect the interest of workers engaged in manufacturing of high density poly ethelene monofilament yarn mosquito nets in Karur Parliamentary Constituency, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI M. CHINNASAMY (KARUR): Sir, Karur Parliamentary Constituency in Tamil Nadu is famous for manufacture of high-density poly ethelene monofilament yarn mosquito nets. More than two lakh labourers are employed in these manufacturing units and manufactured products are being supplied to the whole of North India. But now these manufacturers are severely affected due to the smuggling of Nylon nets from Bangladesh and Bhutan into India. The smuggled mosquito nets are being sold at a throwaway price to the public thus affecting the supply of HDPE monofilament yarn mosquito nets.

In order to save these industries from closure and to save the lakhs of labourers from unemployment, the Government should come forward to purchase the mosquito nets through the Ministry of Health instead of Nylon mosquito nets. This was already represented by me to the hon. Prime Minister on 10th May, 2002. The Government will have to take serious steps to stop the smuggling of mosquito nets from Bangladesh and Bhutan through Kolkata in order to save the lakhs of labourers from unemployment and starvation.