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Title: Regarding need to set up an industry in Kasargod district of Kerala with a view to providing employment to local people.

SHRIP. KARUNAKARAN (KASARGOD): Sir, I would like to invite the attention of the Government towards the availability of deposits of Bauxite and other minerals in different parts of Kasargod district in Kerala.

It is learnt that a survey was conducted by the Geological Survey of India in Kasargod district at Hosdurg taluk. They have found 56 to 57 per cent of Aluminium Oxide and other different types of mineral deposits in this area. The earlier survey conducted by GSI also found these deposits. As per the study, about 2,000 acres of land is available here for utilisation. If the Government can take initiative on its own to start a venture under the public, joint or private sector, these resources would be well utilised to its maximum. The infrastructural facilities such as land, supply of water, electricity, manpower, communication facilities, transporting facilities like roads, railway, port, airport at Mangalore and the proposed one at Kannur would also be of considerable advantage here. It would be beneficial to the Government as well as to the local people as it would provide employment to hundreds of people. It would really be a great deed on the part of the Government to start a factory in a backward northern part of Kerala.

I would request the Government to take necessary action in this regard and consider it favourably.