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Title: Need to provide effluent treatment plant at Tiruppur with a view to protect the interest of workers engaged in 600 dyeing units.

*SHRI P. MOHAN (MADURAI): Tiruppur, the knitting town in Tamil Nadu, is faced with the closure of 660 dyeing units and about 3000 banian manufacturing hosiery units. Due to this about 3 lakhs of workers have been rendered jobless. The families of these hapless workers have to undergo innumerable sufferings. These units have been shut down due to pollution problems. Tiruppur, the industrial town provides job opportunities to thousands of youth and men not only for Tiruppur and Coimbatore districts but also from entire Tamil Nadu and is like a sanctuary attracting job seekers. Nearly about Rs 6000 crore of foreign exchange is being earned by the manufacturing and exporting units of this town. Thousands of crores of rupees is being paid as tax to both the Central and State Government and thus this town remains a golden goose to our economy. Steps to protect these

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industrial units are vest with both the Centre and State Governments. Tiruppur town is facing this problem now for want of an effective policy to boost the industrial growth of this money spinning industry in this town. Hence I urge upon the Centre and the State Governments to come forward to enhance the current subsidy of 50% to set up effluent treatment plant. It would be incumbent upon both the Centre and State to set up effluent treatment plants fully funded by the Government itself in view of large amount of tax revenue they get from these units. On a war footing steps must be taken up to re-instill confidence in workers and rehabilitate them at the earliest.