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Title : Need to set up industrial units in backward districts of Tamil Nadu.

SHRID. VENUGOPAL (TIRUPPATTUR): Sir, I would like to highlight a growing need in drought prone districts of Tamil Nadu. I urge the Union Government to ensure uniform development in all the backward districts of the country while they implement job oriented schemes and economic development measures like setting up Special Economic Zones or identifying drought prone districts for special agricultural development programmes. Thiruvannamalai, Thiruppathur and Vellore in and around my Constituency have got potential for industrial activity with traditional labour who were till now gainfully employed in tannery units. Recently, Union Government has cleared more than 100 Special Economic Zones both in public and private sector. It is necessary to start such zones in industrially backward areas of the country in the Joint sector to augment industrial growth and economic development in backward areas. I call for a coordinated effort on the part of rural Development, Agriculture and Commerce and Industrial Development Ministries along with the Ministry of Finance to start viable projects in setting up industrial units and extending modern technological facilities to farmers and labour force in industrially backward areas.