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Title : Need to open a Purchasing Centre of the Cotton Corporation of India in Savanur Taluka, Haveri district, Karnataka.

SHRI MANJUNATH KUNNUR (DHARWAD SOUTH): Cotton farmers of Haveri district in my Dharwad South Parliamentary Constituency are producing about 30,000 bales of Jaider cotton in Savanur taluka, Haveri district, Karnataka. At present, there is no cotton purchasing centre in the vicinity with the result these cotton farmers are facing great difficulty in selling their produce and in fact, they are forced to sell their produce at a 'throw away' price, thus incurring heavy losses.

There has been a long-pending demand for setting up of a Marketing Centre of Cotton Corporation of India in Savanur Taluka, Haveri district, Karnataka. Hence, I would like to request the hon. Minister, through you, sir, to set up a Marketing Centre of CCI at Savanur Taluka, Haveri district of Karnataka so that farmers can sell their produce at a minimum support price.

I hop the hon. Minister would do the needful and help cotton farmers of my constituency to get the minimum support price for their produce.