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Title : Need to expedite the setting up of an Ordnance Factory at Krishnagiri and upgrade the existing infrastructural facilities at other Ordnance Factories in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI E.G. SUGAVANAM (KRISHNAGIRI): Sir, in our country at present there are 39 Ordnance Factories distributed at 24 locations. Out of this, Tamil Nadu is having only 6 units. The Ordnance factory organization is the largest and the oldest departmentally run production unit in the country and is engaged primarily in the manufacture of defense hardware viz., weapons, ammunitions, vehicles (armoured and transport), clothing, general stores and equipment for defence services.

In my Krishnagiri Constituency, Krishnagiri and Dharmapuri are the two districts. It has a very mountainous terrain and flat lands. This district is listed as the most backward district in Tamil Nadu and is lagging behind in industrialization. It is only 11.36% urbanised as per Census-2001

There is a long pending demand for setting up of an Ordnance Factory in Krishnagiri district and a proposal for the same is lying pending with the Union Government. A vast stretch of government land of more than 500 acres is lying vacant at Pochampallil Taluk in my Krishnagiri district and is also identified for setting up of the Ordnance Factory there. But so far, no progress has been made in this regard.

I shall, therefore, urge upon Hon'ble Minister to expedite the proposal of setting up of an Ordnance Factory at Krishnagiri and also to upgrade the existing facilities and infrastructure at all the Ordnance Factories located in Tamil Nadu.