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Title: Regarding acute shortage of ore, need to stop its export so that same could be available for the use of domestic industry.

SHRI KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU (SRIKAKULAM): Mr. Speaker, Sir, this is a matter of urgent public importance. Ferro chrome industry is facing severe problem for want of their main raw material, chrome ore. Sixteen ferro alloy industries situated in West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh and Orissa are not getting raw material and therefore, they are on the verge of closure. Thousands of employees will be rendered jobless.

They are providing ferro chrome to entire alloy and stainless steel industry having about 500 units. Now whatever raw material is available, they are exporting it but not providing it to meet the local demand of our industry. Chromite ore reserves in India are only four per cent of the total world reserves, but today India is the largest exporter. Other countries also have reserves. South Africa has 70 per cent of world reserves of chromite ore, but they are not exporting it. Even with four per cent of world reserves, India is exporting more than other countries do.

Our own industries are on the verge of closure. These industries are there in Vishnupur parliamentary constituency, which you represented. I have two industries in my constituency, which are on the verge of closure. If the Government of India does not take any decision within two to three days, the whole industry will be closed. So, I urge upon the Central Government to immediately stop its export and raw material should be made available to our own domestic industry.