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Title: Creation of Export Development Centre at Namakkal for poultry products.

SHRIMATI K. RANI (RASIPURAM): Sir, I am thankful to you for giving me a chance to make my submission on Export Development Centre at Namakkal.

Sir, I am proud to say that Namakkal in my constituency in Tamil Nadu stands first in the production of eggs and other poultry products. Regarding setting up of an Export Development Centre at Namakkal and also to export eggs to Dubai, I met the hon. Minister of Commerce and Industry, Shri Kamal Nath, along with my constituency representatives. He extended whole-hearted support by sending a delegation to Dubai. Later, we were asked to make an announcement like 'bird flue free zone', which we did in September. Even after that, they are not willing to buy eggs from Namakkal, and we did not get any other feedback from them. I request the hon. Minister to kindly let us know what is the current position regarding that.

People in my constituency are exporting eggs, through their own efforts. To further develop the export of eggs and to earn more foreign exchange, I would request the Government to consider sanctioning one such Export Development Centre in Namakkal, exclusively to take care of export of eggs and other poultry products. The Government should also provide financial assistance in case of need through banks for doing exports of eggs and poultry products. If the Government agrees to this in principle, the modalities can be worked out later. Hence, I want a concrete action from the hon. Minister of Commerce.