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Title: Need to set up Karur Textile Park under the Scheme for Integrated Textile Park in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI K.C. PALLANI SHAMY (KARUR): Karur is the centrally located district in Tamil Nadu. It is famous for its home textiles. Various types of textile units are located in and around Karur. Allied industries like ginning and spinning mills, dyeing factories, weaving, etc. which employs around 2,00,000 people are also located here.

Sir, there is a long pending demand for the approval of Karur Textile Park Project under Scheme for integrated Textile Part (SITP) and the above proposal is pending with the Union Government . Overall Karur generates around Rs. 2,000 crore a year in foreign exchange through direct and indirect exports. The main endeavour is to reach the exports to Rs. 10,000 crores by the year 2010.

Karur is identified as one of the "Towns of Excellence" for Textile Exports under the Exim policy. For this, more infrastructural facilities are the immediate necessity. Besides, if the Karur Textile Park as a SITP is implemented, it will generate more direct and indirect employment and will help the exporters of Karur to obtain a cutting edge in the global competitive scenario in the present WTO dispensation. In this regard, the process of acquisition of entire land has also been completed and the Project Report was also prepared.

In the present circumstance, setting up of Karur Textile Park Project under SITP is viable. Hence, I urge upon the Hon'ble Minister to take urgent necessary action in the matter and do needful.