

Title: Need for setting up Match Units in South Tamil Nadu -laid.

SHRI RAVICHANDRAN SIPPAPARAI (SIVAKASI): There are around 3500 safety match handmade manufacturing units in Sattur, Kovilpatti, Sivakasi, Virudhunagar and Srivilliputtur regions in South Tamil Nadu. Those are providing livelihood to 2 lakh people approximately.

At present handmade sector is not in a position to compete with the mechanized sector. It is felt that technology will be required to overcome the competition.

For that at least 6 common facility service centre are required to be set up at Sattur, Kovilpatti, Virudhunagar, Srivilliputtur, Kalugumalai and Gudiyatham each at the cost of Rs. 1.30 crores.

In view of the above, I urge upon the Government of India through the Ministry of Small Scale Industries to take necessary action for setting up match cluster through SISI Chennai.