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Title: Need to set up Coir Park at Villuppuram district in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI MANICKA TAGORE (VIRUDHUNAGAR): The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises has constituted Coir Board for the development of coir industry across the country. Recently the Coir Board of India has sanctioned a project with the initial budget of Rs. 500 crores during the financial year 2013-14 to set up a Coir Park/Coir Industry Park across the country. Under this project, a proposal has been sanctioned to set up one Coir Park/coir Industry Park in Villuppuram District in Tamilnadu with Rs. 70 crores budget allocation of Union Government's. 200 acres of land have also been identified and earmarked for this park. But, the proposed/sanctioned project has been shifted to Karnataka State.

The setting up of the Coir Park envisages skill development of the workers especially women folk through various training schemes and programmes. The activities of the park are being managed by the Governing body of National Coir Research and Management Institute.

So, I urge upon the Union Govt. not to shift this sanctioned project from Tamilnadu to Karnataka State. I also request the Union Govt. to take all efforts to set up the sanctioned project in the said district in Tamil Nadu without any further delay.