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Title: Need to set up effluent treatment plants for the industrial units in and around Erode, Tamil Nadu releasing toxic effluents posing danger to contamination of water for drinking and irrigation purposes.

SHRI A. GANESHAMURTHI (ERODE): In Tamil Nadu, as per the survey of the Pollution Control Board, there are about 650 approved and more than thousand small dyeing units in and around Erode. Every day they wash about 50 lakh metres of cloth and every year they process cloth and garments worth about Rs. 2000 crores. From this area alone, these units let out about 9 crore litres of effluents daily and pollute River Cauvery, River Bharani and Kalingarayan Canal affecting irrigation and drinking water. Perundurai and Chennimalai are also hard hit by the Tiruppur dyeing units' discharges and Perundurai Sipcot Industrial Units' effluents as they pollute irrigation and drinking water sources.

Too many restrictions on treating the effluents may affect both the industrial and commercial activity of the spinning and garment units. At the same time, failure to treat the effluents continue to affect drinking water and irrigation.

Hence, I urge upon the Government to take away the effluents elsewhere and to set up bio-treatment plant and remove toxicity using Bacteria or suitable technology so that they are not forced to close down. This is necessary to help farmers and hundreds of workers depending on these industrial units for their livelihood.

...(Interruptions)

## 14.01 ½ hrs.

At this stage Shri Lalu Prasad and some other hon. Members came and stood on the floor near the Table.

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय : कृपया अब बैठ जाएं।

…(<u>व्यवधान</u>)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned to meet again at 6 p.m.

## 14.02 hrs

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eighteen of the Clock.

## 18.00 hrs.

The Lok Sabha re-assembled at Eighteen of the Clock.

(Madam Speaker in the Chair)

…(<u>व्यवधान</u>)

**अध्यक्ष महोदया !** आप लोग कृपया शान्त हो जाइए।

…(<u>व्यवधाज</u>)