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Title: Need to provide special financial package for revival of textile industries in Siricilla and other towns of Karim Nagar Constituency in Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI PONNAM PRABHAKAR (KARIMNAGAR): Siricilla is the Power loom capital of Andhra Pradesh, which has now fallen into hard times pushing many families into difficult circumstances. Many Power looms are closing down in the absence of work and wages, and little help is coming from the Government and industry during the last few years though there are many schemes and financial assistances under implementation like 'Pavala Vaddi' and 'Technology Up gradation Fund Schemes' in Andhra Pradesh. The weaver families are getting depressed and hundreds of people have committed suicides in Siricilla and other towns of my constituency during the last few years. Thousands of weaver families migrated to Maharashtra, Karnataka and Ahmedabad leaving their ancestral homes. Some weavers are in dilemma whether to live or die. I think it would be better if government gives subsidy for material and for all other purposes used by weavers to revive the textile industry in my Constituency. They do not know the other type of work for their livelihood. Not only Siricilla town, but all other major power loom towns are facing similar situation.

I, therefore, request the Hon'ble Minister of Textiles, through the Chair, to kindly intervene in the matter to ensure to announce special packages for the textile industries and for weaving community for Siricilla and other regions in my Karim Nagar Constituency in Andhra Pradesh in the remaining current Five Year Plan (2007-12).