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Title: Need to undertake exploration and commercial production of Molybdenum, a chemical element in Dharmapuri Parliamentary Constituency, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI R. THAMARAISELVAN (DHARMAPURI): Recently large deposits of Molybdenum, a rare material used in the manufacturing of aeroplanes and helicopter/rockets have been discovered in Velampatti Village in Harur Taluk, which falls in my Parliamentary constituency, Dharmapuri. This is a very precious material rarely found in any other part of the world. The Molybdenum found in this part is considered to be the finest quality ever found. It has also come to light that the deposit of Molybdenum is spread upto Alangayam in Vellore district of Tamil Nadu, and Uthangarai, Vellimalai, Marudhipatti in Krishnagiri District. The G.S.I. has been working on this for the last few years. I stress here that the G.S.I. may take immediate steps to complete the exploration work and initiate the commercial exploitation of this rare material by establishing industrial units. The commercial exploitation of Molybdenum will bring economic prosperity to three districts namely Dharmapuri, Krishnagiri and Vellore and will also provide employment to unemployed youth belonging to these backward districts of Tamil Nadu. I, therefore, would request the Government to expedite setting up of industrial units in Harur Taluk for commercial production of molybdenum which will not only bring prosperity and employment to youth but also generate revenue for the Government of India.