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Title : Need to increase the export of textile garments from Tirupur, Tamil Nadu.

\*SHRI SIVASAMI (TIRUPUR) : Sir, Tirupur the industrial town in Tamil Nadu famous for its knitting industry fetches Rs.11,000 crores of rupees worth of foreign exchange annually as export earnings.

Though there are industrialists and entrepreneurs with calibre alongwith skilled and efficient labour force, the knitting industry of Tirupur has to face certain set backs in the wake of keen competition with China and Pakistan.

Acute power shortage, forced closure of dyeing units due to the non-availability of central grants for effluent treatment plants, rise in prices of spindle yarn due to cotton exports have all affected this industry in a big way.

If Government focuses its attention, then this knitting town can augment its export earnings to Rs.20,000 crores. This will help the country to increase its foreign exchange reserve while creating more jobs.

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\*English translation of the speech originally delivered in Tamil.

Hence I urge upon the Government to clamp a ban on cotton exports and promote only the export of finished garments. When MNCS are pampered by the Government with uninterrupted power supply, the same must be made available to these export oriented knitting industrial units in Tirupur. Tamil Nadu has got enough potential still to go in for wind energy in a big way. So Government must come forward to extend grant under TUF scheme to the knitting industrial units to set up wind mills for power generation. The 'draw back' grant must be enhanced from the current 8%. Government must come forward to set up effluent treatment plants on its own while extending loan waiver to dyeing units with liberal grants and assistance for the already established effluent treatment plants.