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Title: Regarding setting up an industrial corridor in Koppal, Karnataka.

SHRI KARADI SANGANNA AMARAPPA (KOPPAL): Madam Speaker, I thank you very much for giving me time to raise a matter of urgent public importance relating to setting up of an Industrial Corridor in Koppal.

Madam, Karnataka is blessed with immense deposit of mines and minerals and it has emerged as the manufacturing hub for some of the largest public sector industries of India after Independence. My constituency Koppal is foreseen as the new hub for industrial development. Three major rail lines, namely Gadag to Wadi, Mehboobnagar to Munirabad and Bengaluru to Hubli cross through Koppal. Two major National Highways, NH-63 and NH-13 also pass through Koppal and a private airport MSPL is also available there. Koppal and nearby areas are rich in iron ore, kyanite, bauxite etc. There are almost 45 industrial units of steel, sponge iron and pellets located in Koppal alone like Kalyani Industries, Kirloskar Industries, X-India Industries, MSPL and more than 100 rice mills, cement industries and power production companies are also situated there.

The Government of Karnataka, earlier headed by Shri Yediyurappa, had announced setting up of a Steel Corridor in Koppal, but this has not yet materialized. If the proposed industrial corridor is developed, it would benefit the people of Maharashtra and Karnataka and would also immensely add to the revenue of the Government of India. So, I request the Government to set up this industrial corridor at Koppal very soon.

HON. SPEAKER: Shri Shivkumar Udasi is permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri Karadi Sanganna Amarappa.