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Title: Need to allocate funds for development of trade, commerce and infrastructural facilities in Tiruppur, Tamil Nadu.

SHRIMATI V. SATHYABAMA (TIRUPPUR): With a humble beginning in the year 1929 the garment industry of Tiruppur began exports in the year 1978. At present, it earns foreign currency to the tune Rs.18,000 crore per year. Out of the total textile production of the country, 44 per cent is from Tamil Nadu. Tiruppur contributes 20 per cent of the total textile exports of the country. Tiruppur provides employment to around five lakh labourers at a time when the world faces challenges of unemployment. Due to the significant growth of garment industry in Tiruppur, there is still an employment opportunity for more than one lakh labourers. Knitting industry is more dependent on labour force than the capital cost and material. Skilled manpower is the need of the hour. It is expected that the total trade of Tiruppur can be around one lakh crore rupees by the year 2020.

The labourers should be provided housing facilities. Garment industrialists have work orders from around the globe and all they need is technology. Besides shortage in skilled manpower, there is also shortage of manpower in areas like technology, management cost-cutting and standardisation. Government should set up an integrated trade centre, research centre and skill development centre besides providing housing facilities for labourers and bank loan facilities.

Tiruppur is well connected with all the countries of the world, but its connectivity with different parts of the country should be improved.

I urge that a separate commissionerate should be set up in Tiruppur exclusively for garment trade so as to fulfil the growing demands. There should be hassle-free trade, loans at low interest rates, concessions for exports, tax rebate for imported artificial fibre, technological assistance for drainage recycling plants, housing facilities for labourers and separate hostel facilities for women in Tiruppur.

Infrastructure facilities should be upgraded in Tiruppur as it earns Rs. 18,000 crore through exports.

I, therefore, urge upon the Union Government to allocate Rs. 5,000 crore in the forthcoming budget for implementing various developmental activities in Tiruppur including infrastructure through National Urban Renewal Mission, National Urban Housing Scheme and other schemes.

Thank you.

HON. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Prof. Saugata Roy – not present.

Shrimati Sakuntala Laguri – not present.

Shri Prataprao Jadhav – not present.

Shri M. Murali Mohan – not present.