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Title: Need to set up a branch of Bhartiya Mahila Bank in Thanjavur Parliamentary Constituency of Tamil Nadu.

□ SHRI K. PARASURAMAN (THANJAVUR): Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, Vanakkam. Thanjavur parliamentary constituency has a population of 20 lakh people. Out of which around 10 lakh are women. I urge upon the Union government to start a branch of Bharatiya Mahila Bank in my Thanjavur Constituency. Bharatiya Mahila Bank was started by the Union Government with an aim to empower women, provide loans to them to start self-employment ventures, and to ensure industrial development of the nation through women's participation. As regards Tamil Nadu, only four branches of Bharatiya Mahila Bank are in operation. Under the glorious rule of beloved leader Hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Dr. Puratchithalaivi Amma, many self-development schemes meant for the welfare of women are being implemented successfully. Tamil Nadu also remains a progressive State of our country. Many women Self-Help Groups are functioning successfully in the State of Tamil Nadu under the able leadership of beloved leader Hon. Dr. Puratchithalaivi Amma. If Mahila Bank branches are opened in large numbers in Tamil Nadu, women belonging to Tamil Nadu will be able to get loans aimed for self-development. These Mahila Bank branches should work in close co-ordination with the women Self-Help Groups. It should ensure to help women to start self-employment ventures so that the objective of starting Mahila Bank would be achieved. I therefore urge upon the Union Government to immediately open a branch of Bharatiya Mahila Bank in my Thanjavur parliamentary constituency. Thank you.