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Title: Need to set up Powerloom and Handloom hub in Namakkal in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM (NAMAKKAL): Hon. Speaker, thank you for giving me this opportunity.

Handloom and powerloom weaving are the second largest economic activities in Tamil Nadu after farming providing direct employment to lakhs of people.

18.24 hrs (DR. P. Venugopal *in the Chair*)

In Tamil Nadu, the State Government guided by our beloved leader Puratchi Thalaivi Amma is providing priceless one crore seventy three lakh sarees and one crore seventy two lakh *dhotis* to the public during the Tamil festival Pongal made by handloom and powerloom weavers.

The Central Government created Powerloom Cluster Development Scheme during the 12th Plan period with the objective of creating world class infrastructure. This was meant to assist entrepreneurs to set up their units with modern infrastructure, latest technology and adequate training and human resource development inputs along with appropriate market linkages. As far as Namakkal district in Tamil Nadu is concerned, it has nearly 1.4 lakh powerloom units along with handloom units giving employment to a large section of people.

Therefore, I would like to request the Central Government to include Namakkal district and establish handloom and powerloom hub and create such advanced infrastructure and training for further development of this section of people so as to increase the market linkage and exports. I also would like to request the Government to increase the Central Government's grants for strengthening, modernizing and expanding the market base of the handloom and power loom sector under Revised Restructured Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme. Thank you.

HON. CHAIRPERSON: Shri D.K. Suresh.

...(Interruptions)

HON. CHAIRPERSON: I called Shri D.K. Suresh.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE (GULBARGA): Of course, Shri Suresh will speak. But Shri Bhagwant Mann is the Member from that constituency, from that area. You please allow him only two minutes. ...(Interruptions) यह जीसे ऑवर है। ... (व्यवधान)

श्री अर्जुन राम मेघवाल (बीकानेर): खड़ने साहब, जीसे ऑवर में सेम विधाय पर दो आदमी नहीं बोलते। ... (व्यवधान) यह परम्परा है। ... (व्यवधान) दो आदमी कभी भी एक विधाय पर नहीं बोलते। ... (व्यवधान)