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Title: Regarding need to ensure employment for the local people whose lands were acquired by BHEL.

SHRI P.R. SENTHILNATHAN (SIVAGANGA): Hon. Madam Speaker, I would like to thank you and also our beloved leader Puratchi Thalaivi Amma for this opportunity. ...(*Interruptions*)

In Tamil Nadu in my Sivaganga constituency Bharat Heavy Electrical Limited Plant (Power Plant Piping Unit) was set up in Thirumayam village with an investment of Rs. 350 crore with over 700 employees and an output target of 20,000 Metric Tonnes of critical piping components involving Rs. 500 crore turnover. It started its operation in the year 2012. It is one of the few major industries functioning in Sivaganga constituency. ...(*Interruptions*)

Sivaganga is one of the most backward districts in India. Agriculture and allied activities are limited. In this background it was highly expected that the unit would provide more job opportunities to the local people, particularly young graduates. But assurance given by BHEL management about job opportunities at the time when land was purchased from people but till today the local people have not got any employment from BHEL. ...(*Interruptions*)

It was also expected that BHEL, Thirumayam unit would pave the way for many small scale manufacturing industries to sprout for supplying the spare parts. That too did not happen. ...(*Interruptions*)

Hence, I would like to urge upon the Union Government to take suitable action for the local people so that they get job opportunities from the BHEL Thirumayam unit. ...(*Interruptions*)