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Title: Need to set up a silk park in Arani, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI V. ELUMALAI (ARANI): I would like to draw the attention of the Government for the dire need to take immediate steps to set up a Silk Park in Arani, which is too long pending and much awaited project by the people of my constituency. Earlier the then Union Minister and also officials from Bangalore visited Arani town and surveyed the land but nothing has happened.

As Arani is popularly called the city of silk sarees, which is next to Kanchipuram, it has more than 60,000 population, out of which 35,000 people are into the weaving profession.

The very First National Flag of our country hoisted in Red Fort on Independence Day was Silk Flag which was weaved in Arani. This Historical contribution by my Arani silk weavers to our motherland leads all of us. We are stepping into our 68th year of Independence.

I request the hon. Minister of Textiles to set up a Silk Park in Arani to benefit the thousands of families of Arani and also to protect the silk industry in and around the area.