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Title: Regarding setting up a handloom technology park.

\*SHRI R. PARTHIPAN (THENI): Hon. Deputy Speaker Sir, Vanakkam. People of Jakkampatti and Subbulapuram villages in Andipatti Taluk of my Theni parliamentary constituency are mainly dependent on handloom weaving. Under the able guidance of Hon. Puratchithalaivi Amma, a scheme for free distribution of dhotis and sarees to poor people is being implemented in Tamil Nadu with a view to support handloom weavers. Weavers get loans through weaver identity cards issued by the government and their families are also supported. It is happy to mention that in order to encourage Gowri Weaver Cooperative Society of Jakkampatti, Union and State governments have together provided an amount of Rs. 58 lakh for three years which includes the contribution from the Society. I therefore urge that a handloom technology park should be set up in T. Subbulapuram of Andipatti Taluk of my Theni parliamentary constituency similar to such a hub being created in Varanasi, the parliamentary constituency of Hon. Prime Minister. Thank you.

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