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Title: Need to establish a central institute of leather technology and research in Vellore Parliamentary Constituency.

SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN (VELLORE): Hon. Deputy Speaker, thank you for giving me an opportunity. Vellore Lok Sabha Constituency is home to about 750 tanneries which are situated around Pernambut, Ambur and Vaniyambadi. They employ thousands of workers and they account for nearly 37 per cent of the entire leather exports from our country. Though the factories are labour-intensive, there is no leather technology institute or leather research institute in the constituency.

I therefore urge the Ministry of MSME and the Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industries to establish a central institute of leather technology and research in Vellore Parliamentary Constituency to impart skill and training to people who are employed so that the industry becomes competitive in nature.