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Title: Regarding development of Tumkur in Karnataka as an industrial smart city under Bangalore-Mumbai Economic Corridor Project.

SHRI S.P. MUDDAHANUME GOWDA (TUMKUR): Madam Speaker, I thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak.

Hon. Finance Minister, Shri Arun Jaitley, in his very first Budget Speech had made an announcement about establishment of three Industrial Smart Cities in the country in the Chennai-Bengaluru Industrial Corridor Zone. Tumkur, my parliamentary constituency, is one among the three Industrial Smart Cities announced by the hon. Finance Minister. It was announced in the very first Budget Speech of the hon. Finance Minister. Two years have elapsed and there is absolutely no progress in this regard.

In the Status Report of Implementation submitted to this august House on 30th January, 2015, hon. Finance Minister had made a statement 'Master planning for three Industrial Smart Cities in the Chennai-Bengaluru Industrial Corridor region is likely to be completed by March, 2015.' We are in the month of May of 2016, but till now, there is absolutely no progress in this regard.

Madam, Tumkur is a very important city. It is almost projected as an alternative city to Bengaluru because of Bengaluru being over-burdened and over-crowded. Nearly six national highways are also passing through it. It should not remain only as an announcement. Hence, I would urge upon the Government of India to at least act positively in regard to the announcement made by the hon. Finance Minister in his very first Budget Speech and to make some progress in regard to create an Industrial Smart City in Tumkur.

Thank you.

HON. SPEAKER: Shri B.N. Chandrappa and Shri R. Dhruvanarayana are permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri S.P. Muddahanume Gowda.