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Title: Need to setup a Silk Park at Arani in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI V. ELUMALAI (ARANI): Hon. Speaker, 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 in Tamil Nadu.

Next to Kancheepuram, Arani is famous for silk sarees not only in the country but throughout the world. Though previously the Union Minister concerned and also officials from Bengaluru visited the Arani town and surveyed the land, nothing has happened.

The very first national flag of our country hoisted in Red Fort on Independence Day was a silk flag, which was weaved in Arani. This historical contribution by my Arani silk weavers to our motherland needs to be recognised. We are stepping into the 70th year of our Independence.

In the circumstances stated above, I would request the hon. Minister to set up a Silk Park in Arani to benefit thousands of families of Arani and also to protect the silk industry in and around the area. Thank you.