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Title: Special package for effluent treatment plants and infrastructural development facilities in Tiruppur in Tamil Nadu.

**SHRIMATI V. SATHYABAMA (TIRUPPUR):** Indian Textile Industry has omnipresence in the economic life of the country. Apart from providing one of the basic necessities of life, the textile industry also plays a pivotal role through its contribution to industrial output, employment generation and the export earnings of the country. The textile sector is the second largest provider of employment after agriculture.

Tiruppur is the largest and fastest growing city in Tamil Nadu. It is one among the ten well-industrialized and economically developed districts of Tamil Nadu. Exports from Tiruppur, which provide employment to over seven lakh people have crossed the Rs. 15000 crore mark. Buyers from more than 50 countries frequently come to Tiruppur. More than 80 per cent of India's total knitwear exports originate from here. Therefore, Tiruppur deserves more support from the Union Government for its infrastructure development. Further, Tiruppur has more than 7000 dyeing units, which need generous support for effluent treatment plants to treat hazardous waste.

Therefore, I urge the Union Government to sanction a special package for effluent treatment plants and for other infrastructural development facilities to make Tiruppur as the front-runner in Textile and Knitwear sector in the country.