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Title: Need to set up industries in Amritsar

*SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA (AMRITSAR): I thank you, Hon. Speaker Madam, for giving me the opportunity to speak on an important matter of public importance.

Madam, I want to draw the attention of the Government towards a large number of industries that have closed down in my constituency. In the year 2000, about 22,000 industrial units were operating in my constituency. A lot of these industries have closed down. At present, hardly 10,200 industrial units are functional there. About 8,053 units have closed down due to various reasons.

Similarly, there were 250 processing units in 1980. However, only 50 processing units are functional at present. The number of rice mills has come down from 300 to 100. Similarly, the fan and handloom industries in my constituency are in shambles.

So, I urge upon you to grant Amritsar the Special Economic Zone status. It is a border district. Similarly, Gurdaspur and Ferozepur areas of Punjab should also get their due. People of this area have sacrificed their lives for the sake of the country. So, I urge upon the Government to grant Special Economic Zone status to my constituency to save the industrial units there.

Thank you.