

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding Tamil Nadu Defence Industrial Corridor Project-laid.

SHRI S.R. PARTHIBAN (SALEM): The Central Government has already announced the “Tamil Nadu Defence Industrial Corridor” project. 6 cities including Salem will benefit through this project. The Cabinet Committee on Security has approved a ₹10,990-crore programme to indigenously develop airborne early warning and control (AEW&C) systems for the use of Indian Air Force. It has been developed by the Centre for Airborne Systems, a DRDO lab, with active participation from the industry in Tamil Nadu. Tamil Nadu government is actively promoting the formation of a PPP consortium through TIDCO to develop commercial production of these systems.

I request the Union Govt to promote TIDCO-led industry for the development, commercial production of AEW&C System in the unused land available in Salem Steel Plant. Funding may be shared between the State and Central governments in the ratio of 25:75 instead of 50:50. I also request to increase the number of units in both the Defence Industrial Corridors.