

Need to establish a Textile Park in Anantapur Parliamentary Constituency, Telangana-Laid

SHRI G. LAKSHMINARAYANA (ANANTAPUR): I would like to highlight a critical issue affecting my Parliamentary Constituency, Anantapur, specifically Guntakal, once an industrial hub. The Andhra Co-operative Spinning Mills, established in 1951, provided direct employment to over 1,500 workers and supported thousands through ancillary industries. At its peak, it was one of Asia's largest mills, a source of pride and prosperity. However, due to a lack of resources, the mill shut down in 1991, leading to widespread unemployment and economic decline. To make matters worse, the previous Government decided to sell the mill land to the housing board, eliminating any chance of industrial revival. While housing is crucial, the move raises concerns about vested interests and lost opportunities for economic growth. I urge the Government to establish a Textile Park at this site to restore Guntakal's industrial legacy. This initiative aligns with the vision of Swarna Andhra, creating thousands of jobs, attracting investment, and boosting local entrepreneurship. The region's strategic location, textile heritage, and skilled workforce make it ideal for such a project. I appeal to the Ministry of Textiles and the Central Government to prioritize this proposal, ensuring Anantapur reclaims its industrial prominence and provides new opportunities for its people.