

Regarding issues faced by workers of cotton mills in Coimbatore Parliamentary Constituency

DR. GANAPATHY RAJKUMAR P. (COIMBATORE): Hon Madam Chairperson, Vanakkam. I thank you for allowing me to raise an important issue pertaining to the workers of cotton mills. There are seven NTC cotton mills in Tamil Nadu. Out of these seven, five NTC mills are in Coimbatore and one each in Sivagangai and Ramanathapuram. There are 4000 workers in these NTC mills. After the Covid-19 lockdown of the year 2020, full salary was provided to the workers of these NTC cotton mills up to 17.5.2020. Thereafter 50 per cent of the salary amount was provided to these workers. After 5 October 2024, the disbursal of salary to these workers was completely stopped. Workers are in deep distress after losing their livelihood. I urge upon the Union Minister of Textiles to take necessary and swift action for making these NTC mills functional and light the lamp in the lives of the workers of these cotton mills. Thank you.