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Title:Need to include kauthi Malai Iron Ore Mining Project of Tamil Nadu in the ensuing budget and allocate funds for it – laid.

SHRI D. VENUGOPAL (TIRUPPATTUR) : A nation's rise in image among the comity of nations depends much on the strengthen of its economy that is gained from that nation's ability to tap its natural resources and channelise it towards industrial growth and sustained economic activity. This is what the economy of the industrial nations show to the world.Potentials for almost all kinds of mineral wealth are three in this country but they are yet to be harnessed. For instance, Kauthi hills, situated 10 kms. away from Thiruvannamalai in Thiruvannamalai district has got rich deposits of qulaity iron ore. Studies conducted by both the State and Union Governments have established that the iron ore potential is vast around the place. The Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has also indicated the need to go in for iron ore mining there.I urge upon the Union Government to initiate action in this regard to include this project in the ensuing Budget and make budgetary allocation for the same. This would gear up industrial growth in my constituency, the otherwise industrially backward area.