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Title: Need to ensure supply of sugarcane to "Cooperative Sugar Mills" at Krishnapuram, Udumalpet taluk, Coimbatore District, Tamil Nadu.

DR. C. KRISHNAN (POLLACHI): Sir, there is a cooperative sugar mill in my Constituency called the Amaravati Cooperative Sugar Mill. The mill gets sugarcane from the neighbouring villages Udumalpet, Pollachi, Dharapuram, Palani and Palladam, which are notified areas.

Nowadays the private mill owners are entering into the notified areas and getting the sugarcane by paying higher rates than the Government rates. This is a violation of the existing rules whereby the cooperative mill is in trouble due to lack of raw materials for smooth running of the mill. There is a tendency for closure of the mill also. So, on behalf of *Marumalarchi Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam* headed by Mr. Vaiko, I urge upon the State Government, which is as usual, sluggish and slow, to come forward and enforce the prevailing laws and prevent the private buyers and allow the smooth running of the cooperative sugar mill. I am urging that the Centre should direct the State Government to take initiative in running it smoothly.

SHRI S.K. KHARVENTHAN (PALANI): I wish to associate with the Member on this issue, Sir.

MR. SPEAKER: Your name will be recorded.