

Title: Need to set up an Information Technology Development Park at Madurai, Tamil Nadu. – Laid.

SHRI P. MOHAN (MADURAI): Madurai is the second populous city next to Chennai and centrally located in Tamil Nadu. In and around Madurai as well as in Southern districts there are more than 40 engineering colleges. At an average 2000 engineering graduates from each college come to employment market every year. Similarly there are equal number of polytechnic colleges which produce a sizeable engineering diploma holders. As we live in the era of Information Technology, youngsters mostly prefer Information Technology, which easily gets them overseas placements. Mostly affluent students can go abroad. Others end up in IT companies in metros. In general their talent and expertise either go waste or benefit the foreign countries, since we do not have proper mechanism to harness that power en masse for the development of our nation. For the entire Tamil Nadu, there is one Information Technology Development Park at Chennai. That is quite insufficient for the rest of the southern districts. So I request that one Information Technology Development Park to be sanctioned for Madurai city. This could provide employment opportunities to qualified personnel. As Koodankulam Nuclear Project, Nankuneri Export Promotion Zone are fast coming, upgradation of Madurai Airport and also opening High Court Bench at Madurai city, Information Technology Development Park at Madurai will have a great role to play. Further it could get outsourcing from abroad and this activity would generate more forex.