

Title : Need to set up a Hot and Cold melting plant at Salem, Tamil Nadu.

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SHRI K.V. THANGKABALU (SALEM): Sir, I thank you for giving me this opportunity to raise an urgent import with regard to my constituency, namely, Salem.

The Salem Steel Plant has been functioning profitably. There is a heart-felt need for the expansion of this Plant. It is not the aspiration of the Salem District only but it is the aspiration of the people of Tamil Nadu also. The UPA leadership as also myself had informed the people that the Salem Steel Plant will be expanded by setting up a hot-rolling mill and cold-rolling mill with an investment of Rs.650 crore.

Sir, I am thankful to the hon. Minister of Steel and Mines, Shri Ram Vilas Paswan for having accepted my proposal for setting up of a Hot and Cold Rolling Mill. In this connection I would like to submit that M/s Dastur and Company has already submitted the feasibility report to SAIL as well as to the Ministry of Steel. Forty Members from Tamil Nadu and all the leaders of UPA have jointly submitted a memorandum to the hon. Prime Minister and to the hon. Minister of Steel and Mines, Shri Ram Vilas Paswan in this regard. Yet, delay is occurring for the last one and a half years.

I would like to humbly request the hon. Minister of Steel and Mines to advise the concerned authorities to implement the setting up of the Hot and Cold Rolling Mill at Salem without any further delay to fulfil the aspirations of the people of Tamil Nadu.