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Title: Need to set up a Silk Park in Arani in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI M. KRISHNASSWAMY (ARANI): I would like to draw the attention of the Government regarding the dire need to take immediate steps to set up a Silk Park in Arani, which falls in my Arani Parliamentary Constituency in Tamil Nadu.

Arani is famous for silk sarees in the country. It is next to Kancheepuram Sarees. The weavers, in and around Arani, have good demand for silk sarees and handlooms. Regarding this, I gave a representation to the then Hon'ble Minister for Textiles, Shri Dayanidhi Maran and he assured me at that time that a Silk Park would be set up in Arani. He also visited the Arani area in my Constituency and on my representation, the concerned officials from Bangalore visited the Arani town and surveyed the land. But, nothing happened.

Keeping in view of the heavy demand and local weavers' interests, I raised this subject in Parliament and wrote to the Hon'ble Minister for Commerce and Industry. He gave assurance on the floor of the House and the Hon'ble Speaker also intervened in the matter and directed the concerned Minister to solve this problem.

Hence, I request the Government to set up a Silk Park in Arani to benefit the thousands of families of Arani and also to protect the silk industry in and around the area before the election code of conduct comes into force.