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Title : Need to take steps to bring down the prices of cotton yarn to safeguard the interests of textile industry in the country particularly in Dindigul Parliamentary Constituency, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN (DINDIGUL): The price of cotton yarn is again soaring high. Despite the assurances given by the Ministry, the spinning mills are increasing the price of cotton yarn. During the last couple of days, the price of cotton yarn has gone up by 10% per kg, whereas recently, the Hon'ble Textile Minister has stated in Tirupur that the prices would come down within a week's time.

The textile industry, the weaving industry, the knitting industry, handlooms, power looms and the garment industries are facing turmoil in the production, on several fronts, due to the rise in price of the cotton yarn which is going uncontrolled, the textile manufacturers are unable to confirm the fresh orders and incurring heavy losses on the orders already committed by them as they are forced to buy the cotton yarn at the higher price than the committed order price. As a result, the manufacturers are being put to heavy loss and the industry is on collapse leading to heavy job loss.

Keeping in view the sufferings of the community of the weavers and the work force, the Government should not allow export of the raw material to foreign countries. There are some seven foreign companies who have registered for export of cotton yarn. They should not be allowed to export cotton yarn keeping in view protest by the workers and the weavers. It is not only a matter of shortage of the raw material for the yarn using industry, but also a matter that the good quality yarn is exported and the substandard yarn is made available to the domestic market. Here again the Spinning Mills do the Forward Trading and refuse to supply the yarn. As far as the textile production is concerned, the major contribution comes from Tamil Nadu which is around 70%. Therefore, if suitable measures to safeguard the interests of the weavers are not taken, the weavers in Tamil Nadu will be affected to a great extent.

The weavers in Chinnalapatti in my Dindigul Parliamentary Constituency, known for making sarees at lower price, are being affected severely due to rise in price of cotton yarn. I urge upon the Government to take urgent steps to bring down the price of cotton yarn so that handloom industry is saved.