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Title: Need to revive the Khadi and Village industries in Badanval village in Chmrajanagar Parliamentary Constituency, Karnataka.

SHRI R. DHYUVANARAYANA (CHAMRAJANAGAR): The Badanval village in Karnataka state, a prominent centre for supplying Khadi for the rest of the world and a model village that was visited by mahatma Gandhiji to inaugurate Khadi and Gramodhyoga Industries centre in 1927, is now a forgotten village with remains of the shed, quarters and defunct wooden spinning wheels. The spinning wheels has come to a grinding halt affecting the rural economy and encouraging migration of labors to nearby Mysore, the apathy, of the successive governments to revive, adopt and pump money to encourage Khadi industry has forced closure of six of the seven units.

Today the badly maintained and partially collapsed structures, defunct spinning wheels and two blocks with electric supply telephone lines disconnected lies in dilapidation. While paper mat, oil, carpentry and fabric units that were part of the project in 7.5 acres campus, that generated employment to hundreds of villagers in Nanjangud village are closed down defeating the purpose and Gandhiji's dream of generating employment and strengthening rural economy.

I, therefore, urge upon the Government to revive the Khadi unit in the said location.