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Title: Need to increase the Floor Space Index for construction of residential buildings in the Cantonment areas of St. Thomas Mount and Pallavaram in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI C. RAJENDRAN (CHENNAI SOUTH): I would like to bring the following matter of public importance to the notice of the Government.

The Cantonment Board of St. Thomas Mount & Pallavaram in Tamil Nadu was established in the year 1774 and it is the second oldest Cantonment in the whole country, spreading over an area of 3193 acres.

There is a peculiar problem for the residents in the Cantonment area.

The Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority has fixed the Floor Space Index (FSI) as 1.5 for construction of residential buildings in and around Chennai. But inside the huge Metropolitan Chennai, we have Cantonment areas where the FSI has been fixed as only 0.5. In contrast to this, the Cantonment of Secunderabad in Andhra Pradesh, which also comes under the Ministry of Defence, has the FSI of 1.5. This contradiction puts those living in the cantonment area into a lot of difficulties, since the land value had increased manifold as also the construction cost. Hence, people find it very difficult to construct at the rate of 0.5 FSI, inside the cantonment.

Hence, under the circumstances, it is pertinent to increase the FSI that is prevailing in the Cantonment area to two or it should be at least made as 1.5 FSI, to keep at par with the adjoining areas in Chennai or to keep at par with the cantonment of Secunderabad.

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