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Title: Need to set up micro-ancillary units in Salem district for utilization of stainless steel sheets produced by the Salem Steel Plant.

SHRI S. SEMMALAI (SALEM): Thank you, Chairman, Sir, for allowing me to raise an important issue pertaining to my Constituency.

The matter, which I am going to raise is concerned with two Ministries namely the Ministry of Steel and the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises. The Salem Steel Plant in Tamil Nadu, started in early '70s, is now producing stainless steel sheets of high quality.

At present the produced steel sheets, in raw form, are being transported to other States like West Bengal for converting into value-added finished products like dinner sets, household utensils, etc.

These finished products are being marketed throughout the country including Salem District. It is unfortunate that Salem District does not have small or micro industries of worth mentioning. In Salem, where the Plant is situated, no ancillary unit, utilising the raw material, is set up till date.

If cluster of ancillary units are started in Salem District, this will give a boost to the economy of the region. Besides, it will also provide employment to the local people. Skilled men are available in plenty for these jobs. The people of Salem and other neighbouring districts will be benefited much. Hence, I would request the Centre to kindly arrange to take efforts for the setting up of micro-ancillary units in Salem District at the maximum level for the utilisation of stainless steel sheets produced by the Salem Steel Plant. I hope the Centre will act on this matter.