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Title: The Minister of Commerce & Industry and Minister of Textiles made a statement regarding 'construction of a befitting memorial to Bharat Ratna Baba Saheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar at Mumbai'.

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THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): Madam, with your kind permission, I wish to make the following Statement:

The Hon'ble Members of this august House are aware that 6<sup>th</sup> December marks the Death Anniversary of one of India's tallest leaders Bharat Ratna Dr. Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar. The Nation gratefully acknowledges his notable contribution in guiding the process of framing of our Constitution which laid the foundation of India's Parliamentary Democracy.

The ashes of Babasaheb Ambedkar are interred at Chaitya Bhoomi situated in the vicinity of the land of Indu Mill under National Textile Corporation at Mumbai. For lakhs of his followers, this is a place of pilgrimage. Respecting public sentiments and in response to the request of the Government of Maharashtra and taking note of the unanimous resolution passed by both Houses of Maharashtra Legislature, the Government of India has taken a view to make available this land for use to the Government of Maharashtra for the construction of a befitting Memorial.

The Government has initiated the process to give effect to this decision and I will be shortly moving the necessary Legislative proposal for Parliamentary approval. I seek the support and endorsement of the House.

શ્રી દાય સિંહ ચૌહાન (ઘોયી): મંત્રી જી, ઇસકે લિએ છન આપકો બધુત-બધુત બધાઈ દેતે હોયું।

SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ (VIDISHA): We support this, Mr. Minister.