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Title: Need to set up a Silk Park in Aarani in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI M. KRISHNASSWAMY (ARANI): I would like to draw the attention of the august House regarding the dire need to take immediate steps to set up a Silk Park in Aarani, which happens to be my Parliamentary Constituency in Tamil Nadu.

Aarani is famous for silk sarees. It is next to Kancheepuram Sarees. The weavers, in and around Aarani, have good demand for silk sarees and handlooms. Regarding this, I gave a representation to the then Honble Minister for Textiles, Shri Dayanidhi Maran and he assured at that time that a Silk Park would be set up in Aarani. The concerned officials from Bangalore visited the Aarani town and surveyed the land. But nothing happened. Keeping in view the popular demand and local weavers' interests, I raised questions on this subject in Parliament also and wrote to the Hon'ble Minister for Commerce and Industry. He assured in the House and the Hon'ble Speaker also intervened in the matter and asked the concerned Minister to solve this problem.

Accordingly, I request the Government, to set up a Silk Park in Aarani for the benefit of thousands of families in Aarani and also to protect the silk industry in and around the area.