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

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

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

Hence, I request the Hon'ble Minister for Textiles, to take steps to set up a Silk Park in Arani to benefit the thousands of families in and around Arani and also to protect the silk industry and its related workers in Tamil Nadu.