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Title: Regarding low wages in Khadi Industries in the country.

SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN (KASARGOD): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand to speak a few words with regard to the present position of khadi industry in our country. We have a long history of freedom struggle with regard to khadi. But, at present, workers in khadi sector are getting very low wages. The workforce and the days of work have also decreased day by day. The workforce in khadi industry consists of a large number of women workers. So, we need to provide financial assistance to khadi sector.

As far as Kerala is concerned, earlier there had been a rebate in khadi sector and they would be able to sell khadi products. But, it has been stopped now by the Central Government. Instead a new mechanism, which is a must, has been introduced. I request the Government to reinstate the rebate and thereby assist khadi sector with some relief.

HON. SPEAKER:

S/SHRI P.K. Biju,

M.B. Rajesh and

Dr. A. Sampath are allowed to associate with the matter raised by Shri P. Karunakaran.