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Title: Regarding the Ujjawala Scheme in Koppal, Karnataka.

SHRI KARADI SANGANNA AMARAPPA (KOPPAL): Respected Madam, I would like to pay my thanks for giving me an opportunity to speak on a very urgent matter.

Madam, Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana is a welfare scheme of the Government of India launched by the hon. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji on 01.05.2016 with the support of the Ministry of Petroleum. The scheme has been introduced to make sure that even the poorest families, that is, BPL, have access to clean fuel, that is, LPG. Madam, first it was announced in Uttar Pradesh. Later on, it was announced in Rajasthan, Gujarat, Uttarakhand, Odisha, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir. Currently, this scheme has been launched in nine States. Soon, it will be launched in other States too.

Madam, the objective of Pradhan Mantri Ujjawala Yojana is aimed at providing five crore LPG connections in the name of women below poverty line (BPL) households across the country for empowering women and protecting their health. It also aims at reducing the serious health hazards associated with the cooking based on fossil fuel and also reducing the number of deaths in India due to unclean cooking fuel. It also aims at preventing young children from significant number of acute respiratory illness caused due to indoor air pollution by burning the fossil fuel.

Madam, therefore, it is requested that you direct the concerned Ministry to announce this scheme in Karnataka, as many backward constituencies is coming under the Karnataka State especially in Raichur and Koppal districts which come under Article 371-J, and in priority list after getting survey in 12 districts in Karnataka by which people of Karnataka State can live a better and pollution free life. Thank you, Madam.

HON. SPEAKER: Shri Bhairon Prasad Mishra and Kunwar Pushpendra Singh Chandel are permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri Karadi Sanganna Amarappa.

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**SUBMISSIONS BY MEMBERS ....Contd.**

(iv) Re: Welfare schemes for Handloom weavers