Title: Need to fulfill the assurance given by the Naval authorities regarding employment opportunities to those who sold out their land to the Naval Air Station at Arakkonam in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI C. GOPAL (ARAKKONAM): A Naval Air Station, later named as INS Rajali was inaugurated in Arakkonam in the year 1992. Agricultural land of seven villages surrounding Arakkonam was acquired since the inception of Naval Station by offering very less amount as compensation. At the time of land acquisition, it was assured by the Naval authorities that one among the family members would be provided with employment. But the Government has not fulfilled the promise and failed to offer employment to the family members who have sold out the land to Naval Air Station for less price. As a result, nearly 400 family members were affected.

Therefore, I urge upon the Union Government to fulfil the promise by giving employment opportunities to the members who have sold out land to the Naval Air Station.