

प्रो. मनोज कुमार झा (बिहार) : महोदय, मैं भी माननीय सदस्य द्वारा उठाए गए विषय के साथ स्वयं को संबद्ध करता हूँ।

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Need to support handloom silk weaving sector

SHRI G.K. VASAN (Tamil Nadu): * Hon. Chairman Sir, in Tamil Nadu, silk weaving is undertaken in many towns such as Kumbakonam, Thirubuvanam, Thanjavur, Ariyalur, Coimbatore, Arani, Kancheepuram and Sevalpattupalayam. Silk sarees, silk dhotis and silk shirts are woven here. In many States of India, silk weaving industry is functional through handloom silk weaving. As far as Tamil Nadu is concerned, more than ten lakh people are engaged in silk weaving industry as weavers, silk traders, owners of silk textile shops etc. More than two lakh people are involved in marketing of silk clothes.

Raw silk, which is needed for silk weaving industry in Tamil Nadu, is obtained from the States of West Bengal and Karnataka. Fifty percent of raw silk is obtained from these States and the remaining part is imported from abroad also. The cost of one kilogram of raw silk was Rs.3,500, six month ago. But now, the cost of raw silk has increased from Rs.7,500 to Rs.8,000. Approximately, the cost of raw silk has increased more than hundred per cent. Silk producers cannot get proper price for the finished product. Therefore, they had to withhold production of silk clothes, sarees and dhotis. Silk weavers are losing their jobs. I request the Central Government and State Governments to take proper measures to reduce the cost of raw silk necessary for the production of silk clothes so as to help the silk weavers. Moreover, I request the Government to take necessary steps to increase import of raw silk so that silk weaving industry will not have shortage of raw materials. Thank you, Sir.

THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE): Sir, I associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI M. MOHAMED ABDULLA (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

* English translation of the original speech delivered in Tamil.

DR. KANIMOZHI NVN SOMU (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN (Uttar Pradesh): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI JOHN BRITTAS (Kerala): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI M. SHANMUGAM (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI N. CHANDRASEGHARAN (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

MS. DOLA SEN (West Bengal): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM (Kerala): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI BINOY VISWAM (Kerala): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI NARAYANA KORAGAPPA (Karnataka): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI BIKASH RANJAN BHATTACHARYYA (West Bengal): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI G.C. CHANDRASHEKHAR (Karnataka): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI P. WILSON (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

DR. SANTANU SEN (West Bengal): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

DR. AMAR PATNAIK (Odisha): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

DR. FAUZIA KHAN (Maharashtra): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN (Maharashtra): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR (Andhra Pradesh): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI SUJEET KUMAR (Odisha): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI ABIR RANJAN BISWAS (West Bengal): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

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MR. CHAIRMAN: He wanted the Government to help the weavers and also highlighted that the raw silk cost has gone up considerably and it is getting difficult for these weavers. ...(*Interruptions*)... I understand a little because I am a neighbour. Many of the lady Members could not understand it; otherwise, all of them would have associated because of silk sarees, *pattu* sarees. Now, Shri Sanjay Singh.

Change in the service rules of employees of Chandigarh administration

श्री संजय सिंह (राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र, दिल्ली) : सभापति महोदय, आपका बहुत-बहुत धन्यवाद कि आपने मुझे इस महत्वपूर्ण विषय पर अपनी बात रखने का मौका दिया है।