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**SUBJECT:** about (tackling) modern slavery in the South Indian textile and garment industry  
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**TEXT:**

1. Is the Commission aware of the paper 'Small Steps, Big Challenges - Update on (tackling) exploitation of girls and young women in the garment industry of South India' and various other publications on the 'modern slavery' of around 100.000 children and young women producing garments for the western market? (1)
2. Is the Commission willing to urgently take up this large-scale and serious human rights issue at the highest level in its dialogue with the Indian authorities with a view to jointly start working on eradicating child labour, bonded labour and exploitation from the supply chain of European brands sourcing from the South Indian textile and garment industry?
3. Is the Commission willing to initiate a dialogue with European and international garment brands, their sectoral organisations, various joint initiatives and their stakeholders in order to agree to a joint time-bound Plan of Action against child labour, bonded labour and exploitation in their supply chains in South India?
4. Is the Commission willing to promote and initiate measures to demand transparency of European garment companies on their sourcing locations, their first and further tier suppliers, their involvement of local stakeholders as well as their audit procedures, correction plans and progress in implementing them?
5. Is the Commission in their engagement with both the Indian government and the European garment industry, willing discuss and work on special measures to protect the rights of vulnerable groups like Dalit ('outcaste') girls working in the textile and garment industry?
6. Is the Commission willing to actively involve the ILO in working on local solutions to eradicate exploitation and bonded labour from textile and garment production in Tamil Nadu?

(1) See: <http://www.indianet.nl/pb140404e.html> and [http://www.indianet.nl/sumangali\\_e.html](http://www.indianet.nl/sumangali_e.html)

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