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Title: Need to revive Bharat Ophthalmic Galss Limited, the only manufacturer of flint buttons in the country.

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA (BANKURA): Sir, Bharat Ophthalmic Glass Limited is the only industry in our country which was set up to manufacture flint buttons, but this industry has become sick for the last 15 years. The BOGL was referred to the BIFR. There were a number of meetings held and the last meeting was held in the month of December. The BIFR passed its order on 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2003. In its order, the BIFR has directed the Government of India, Ministry of Heavy Industries to submit their final decision for revival within 45 days. This period of 45 days will expire on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2003.

Hon. Speaker, Sir, you know better about it. I discussed the issue of Bharat Ophthalmic Glass Limited with you a number of times when you were Minister of Heavy Industries. But till now, the Ministry of Heavy Industries has not submitted its revival plan. Therefore, I urge upon the Government – Shri Kashiram Rana, Minister of Textiles, who is here, will convey – that the Ministry of Heavy Industries should submit its revival plan. It is a very small industry and only Rs. 20 crore or Rs. 25 crore will be required for its revival. The Government should take serious and sincere steps to revive BOGL and in order to revive it, the Government should submit the revival plan to BIFR by 25<sup>th</sup> February.

Thank you.

SHRI SUNIL KHAN (DURGAPUR): Sir, I have also given notice on the same subject.

SHRI BIKASH CHOWDHURY (ASANSOL): Sir, I also want to say something on this.

MR. SPEAKER: Your names will be associated.