Title: Requested the Minister of Textile to make a statement on the sick jute mills under the National Jute Manufacturing Corporation (NJMC), and payment of wages of the workers.

SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY (CALCUTTA NORTH WEST): Sir, a few Central public sector units of West Bengal are facing threats of disinvestment. Under the command of NJMC, National Jute Manufacture Corporation, there are a few jute mills. But, this NJMC itself is facing a threat of closure. A few units of NJMC have already been closed. The most unfortunate part is that the Jute Corporation'''s management is looking after NJMC. We demand that a full time Chairman and a Managing Director are urgently required for NJMC and resources also should be made available to it. In total, there are about 24,000 employees employed in various units. About 12,000 to 15,000 employees of these units have already become unemployed. So, on one side that is the fate of disinvestment of public sector units and on the other side there are threats of closure of NJMC mills. The people of our State are really facing the agony. The Central Government should take immediate steps to see that this problem is settled without any delay.

SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH (ULUBERIA): I join Shri Bandyopadhyay on this issue. The NJMC mills employing about 24,000 employees are facing serious crisis. Non-supply of raw jute is the main reason for that. The Chairman of JCI is the M.D. of one mill. The same officer who takes the responsibility of both, some ten years back created the same problem. So, it is a chronic problem. Now the salaries of the NJMC employees have been stopped. In future they are not going to get any salary. It is a serious situation. I would request the Minister of Textile to make a statement in this regard and see to it that the jute is supplied to the mills, salaries are paid to the workers and the mills are run in a proper manner by the Government. ... (

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