

Title: Revival of Indian Iron & Steel Company(IISCO).

12.35 hrs.

SHRI AJOY CHAKRABORTY (BASIRHAT): Indian Iron and Steel Company, IISCO, is one of the leading and pioneer steel industries of our country. It is supposedly the best steel plant of our country having its own captive iron ore mines, collieries and the best foundry in Asia. It has a network spread all over the country. IISCO was taken over by the Government of India in 1972 with 100 per cent equity, followed by transfer to SAIL. IISCO is the only subsidiary of SAIL. It is unfortunate that it was referred to the BIFR in 1994. Up-till now the Government of India has not submitted any revival package or proposal during the last seven years. IISCO is the basic steel industry of our country. Not only IISCO, even the Vizag Steel Plant and Salem Steel Plant are also sinking. Therefore, for the benefit of the country, I demand to the Government of India that it should come forward to take suitable steps and measures to revive IISCO and other steel plants.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I also humbly submit to you to please use your good offices to direct the Government to come forward and save IISCO and other steel plants of the country.

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Sunil Khan, Shri Rupchand Pal, Shri Basu Deb Acharia, Shri Somnath Chatterjee and Shri Bir Singh Mahto may all associate themselves with Shri Ajoy Chakraborty on this issue.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE (BOLPUR): The Prime Minister said in the House the other day that he would look into the matter. What has happened to it?

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA (BANKURA): The Prime Minister assured us on the floor on this House that the revival of IISCO would be looked into. But, fifteen days have already elapsed and no action has been taken in regard to the revival of IISCO. ...*(Interruptions)* BIFR has given two months' time to the Government to submit a proposal in regard to the revival of IISCO. But the Government of India has not taken any decision in this regard. This is an important steel plant of our country. It is the oldest steel plant also. Three lakhs of people are depending on IISCO for their livelihood. Unless the Government of India submits a revival package within two months, that is, by September, BIFR will order winding up of IISCO. Therefore, we demand that the Government of India should take immediate steps in this regard.

SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI (RAIGANJ): We fully support the point raised by Shri Ajoy Chakraborty, as an assurance has been given by the Prime Minister.

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Dasmunsi, you may also associate yourself with Shri Ajoy Chakraborty.

...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: They have represented to the hon. Prime Minister.

...*(Interruptions)*

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENT AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN) : Sir, it is very difficult to reply to this point in `Zero Hour' because I do not know the background of it.

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आप बैठ जाइए, यह क्या कर रहे हैं?

â€¦(ब्यवधान)

MR. SPEAKER: I am asking the reaction of the Government.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI SUNIL KHAN (DURGAPUR): Sir, we want to know the reaction of the Government....(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: This is the problem with you. You are not allowing the Chair also to ask the Government to reply to a point.

SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHI (VISAKHAPATNAM): For want of support, the Company is starving. There is a similar situation in Visakhapatnam Steel Plantâ€¦....(Interruptions) I also strongly support their views, Sirâ€¦...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Basu Deb Acharia, please take your seat.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI T.M. SELVAGANPATHI (SALEM): Sir, the same thing has happened with the Salem Steel Plant which is in my constituency, Salemâ€¦â€¦(Interruptions) I am also associating with them on the views expressed on this issueâ€¦...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: This is too much, Shri Selvaganapathi. How can you associate with any Member without giving a notice? If you want to associate, you have to first give a notice. Please take your seat.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members have represented to the hon. Prime Minister with regard to the revival of the Indian Iron and Steel Company. I am now asking the Government as to whether there is any reply from them on this issue.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE : Sir, he has said that he will look into the matter.

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Now, the hon. Members have met the Prime Minister. I was not privy to that. They never called me to accompany them. At this juncture, if they just stand up and ask me about it, how will I be able to answer them? Please appreciate my position also, Sir! (Interruptions)

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : When the Prime Minister gave an assurance, in this very Session, on the floor of the House, you were sitting behind the Prime Minister. You might have heard what he had said at that time.....(Interruptions)

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: If the Prime Minister has given any assurance on the floor of the House, then the assurance is there. What do you want me to do in the matter?(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Prof. Rasa Singh Rawat.

...(Interruptions)

प्रो. रासा सिंह रावत (अजमेर) : मान्यवर अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं सरकार का ध्यान इस बात की ओर आकर्षित करना चाहता हूँ कि बंगलादेशी घुसपैठिए हिन्दुस्तान के अंदर बहुत बड़ी संख्या में घुस कर आ गए हैं।

वे (व्यवधान)

SHRI PRAKASH YASHWANT AMBEDKAR (AKOLA): Sir, I had given notice on the issue of the Durban Conference under the United Nations banner (Interruptions) They have referred the matter to the concerned Ministry. I would like to have a clarification in this regard (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Is this the way to raise matters in the 'Zero Hour'? I have already called Prof. Rasa Singh Rawat to speak. Please take your seat. If you want any clarification, you may come to my Chamber and not in this way.

...(Interruptions)