

**Title: Regarding closure of Assam Match Company at Dhubri by WIMCO.**

SHRI ANWAR HUSSAIN (DHUBRI): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir, a very grave situation has arisen out of the closure of the Assam Match Company at Dhubri by WIMCO. From the date of its inception in 1926, it has been a profit-making industry. With this industry, about 1500 families are directly involved and about 5000 families are indirectly involved. By its closure, all these people have been made jobless.

The cause of closure has been shown as the Supreme Court's stricture for felling of trees. But this industry produces match sticks by paper also. So, the Government should take care of it. In the mean time, the Assam State Industrial Development Corporation has said that it is ready to take over the industry. So, I urge upon the Government to look into the matter and solve the grave situation as early as possible.

In the mean time, the WIMCO *Bachao* Committee has been agitating for years long. My humble urge is that the Government should give due importance to it.

MR. SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned to meet again at 2 p.m.

**13.06 hrs.**

*The Lok Sabha then adjourned for Lunch till Fourteen of the Clock.*

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