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Title : Need to take steps for revival of Cachar Sugar Mill in Chargola Karimganj district, Assam.

SHRI LALIT MOHAN SUKLABAIYA (KARIMGANJ): Cachar Sugar Mill, a unit of AIDC, was established in 1976 as a PSU in Chargola a very backward area under Karimganj district in Assam. The production commenced in 1978 and made a record of crushing 55,000 MT of sugarcane in 1983. This Sugar mill provided indirect employment to about 1000 people in cultivation of sugarcane, and direct employment to another few hundreds in production and distribution of sugar. But unfortunately the mill was closed down in 1986. Later the mill was taken over by a private company on a temporary MOU with AIDC and started production in 1999, but it also could not continue due to difficulties in infrastructure for marketing and the mill was reverted to AIDC in the later part of 1999 itself. Now over the years about 55,000 acre of land belonging to the mill for production of sugarcane is massively encroached. Buildings and factory of the mill are within a campus of 100 acre and facing rapid depreciation. Machines are also missing due to inadequate vigilance. These assets worth about Rs. 15 crores at present market value, which are being idly depreciated, if utilized, it could also contribute to the increase of GDP for the nation and improve the economic condition of the local people by generating a large number of employment along with its growth,

I request the Government to take appropriate action to revive this mill.