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Title: Regarding reopening of Kulti Steel Plant of IISCO.

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA (BANKURA): Yes, Sir, Kulti Steel Plant is one of the oldest steel plants in our country. The operation of this steel plant was stopped by an order of the Board of Industrial and Financial Reconstruction. When the BIFR recommended revival of Burnpur unit of IISCO, the BIFR also recommended closure of Kulti. Then, the operation was stopped. The oldest steel plant today is close now. There is a persistent demand that along with Burnpur unit, Kulti should also be re-opened and revived and production should start at Kulti. A Committee has been constituted by the Steel Authority of India to examine as to what are the items which Kulti plant used to produce. It had four foundries. The steel plants of the Steel Authority of India as well as Vizag Steel Plant are procuring various items from outside. Those items can be manufactured in Kulti steel plant.

The Government of India is investing Rs. 10,000 crore for a new steel plant at Burnpur the capacity of which will be 2.5 million tonnes. The hon. Prime Minister is going to Burnpur to lay the foundation stone of this new steel plant. There is a demand that along with a new steel plant at Burnpur and modernization of IISCO, Kulti steel plant should also be re-opened and production should be started. Those items which the Steel Authority of India will have to procure even after the new plant comes up, can be manufactured at Kulti unit and Kulti unit will become an ancillary unit of Burnpur.

The people of that area are expecting that the hon. Prime Minister will definitely say something when he goes to Burnpur. Before that, I urge upon the Government that some positive action should be taken by the Government of India so that the Kulti steel plant is reopened and production is started along with the modernization of Burnpur unit of IISCO. Thank you.  
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SHRI SUNIL KHAN (DURGAPUR): Sir, I also want to associate myself with hon. Member Shri Basu Deb Acharia. â€  
(Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : Those who want to be associated may send slips to the Table.

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