Title: Need to provide financial assistance for revival of Bharat Ophthalmic Glass Limited, Durgapur, West Bengal.-Laid

SHRI SUNIL KHAN (DURGAPUR): Sir, I hereby draw the attention of the Government once again to the problems of Bharat Ophthalmic Glass Limited, Durgapur. Though this is a premier Indian organisation in the field of manufacturing flint, prisms for defence and protector glass for research for being used in the Bhabha Atomic Research Institute, it became sick after duties on imported flint were reduced. ...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Nothing will be recorded except what Shri Sunil Khan is speaking.

(Interruptions) *

SHRI SUNIL KHAN: Still this concern is capable to cater to the needs of Defence for prisms and protector glass for BARC. At present, there are only 200 workers. An assistance of rupees three crore is needed to restore electric supply and pay the salary of workers since January, 2004. Revival of the plant needs a Central assistance of Rs. 30 crore only. But most importantly, a full-time Managing Director, with specialisation in Glass technology, needs to be posted.

I urge upon the Government to consider it.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Raj Babbar.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Suravaram Sudhakar Reddy.

...(Interruptions)

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