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Title : Need to provide financial assistance to Eastern Coalfield Limited.

SHRI BANSA GOPAL CHOWDHURY (ASANSOL): Madam, actually, the Coal India Limited has constituted a Committee comprising of three persons to raise the production in all the subsidiaries. What I would like to mention here to the Union Coal Minister, through you, is that the Eastern Coalfields Limited is producing Grade-A coal for the power sector, which is the most valuable coal in the country and it has been supplied throughout the country for a long time. But now Rs.5,000 crore is required to revive the Eastern Coalfields Limited. Unfortunately, the senior officials of Coal India are now making the statement that coal is not available in West Bengal for power generation, which is very unfortunate. When Parliament Session is going on, no money is being sanctioned from the Government of India since 10 years for the revival of the Eastern Coalfields Limited. Now, the senior officials of Coal India are issuing the statement that the Government of West Bengal will not get coal from Coal India to produce power there.

There is crisis of power because of dearth of coal. As you know, small and medium enterprises in the State of West Bengal are also suffering for a long time.

That is why I demand from the Union Ministry, through you, to raise the coal production in the Eastern Coalfields Limited and sanction Rs. 5,000 crore to revive these subsidiaries. Thank you.