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**उपाध्यक्ष महोदय :** नियम 377\* के अधीन मामलों को सदन के सभा पटल पर रखा जाता है।

Title: Need to strengthen the Milk Unions in West Bengal, with a view to improve the income of milk producers in the State-laid.

SHRI ADHIR CHOWDHURY (BAHARAMPUR): In pursuance of white revolution which was aimed to make India self-sufficient in the production of milk, 16 Milk Unions were established in West Bengal in order to procure milk from the villagers who did not have access to the market. But over the years Milk Union of West Bengal have been incurring losses and most of them are in the red. Lacs of milk producers who are involved in rearing up bovine population find the Milk Union helps them in supplementary generation of incomes. But one after another Milk Unions in West Bengal have failed to rise up to the expectation of the village folk. All the milk unions were set up by replicating the model of Amul. The concept of cooperative is essentially the basis for establishing Milk Unions.

I would urge upon the Government to strengthen the Milk Union in West Bengal with a view to improve the income of the milk producers in the villages.

\* Treated as laid on the Table