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Title: Divestment of Alloy Steel Plant (ASP), Durgapur, Bengal Chemicals and Bridge and Root Company.

PROF. SAUGATA ROY (DUM DUM): The Union Ministry of Steel had issued a notice for divestment of Alloy Steel Plant, (ASP), Durgapur three months ago. Since then, the workers are spending their time in fear of losing their job. The INTTUC Union held a relay fast in front of the Steel Plant. Apparently this divestment has been recommended by the NITI Ayog.

Alloy Steel Plant, Durgapur has manufactured special steel for defence including for the tanks and ships for the Navy. They manufactured special steel for nuclear plants and aerospace sector also. They have contributed to the sectors of Railway, Power and Mining. The Losses of ASP have come down and there is sign of improvement every year. If ASP is merged into Durgapur Steel Plant (DSP), the losses will be wiped out. I propose that such a step should be taken instead of divesting it.

I also oppose the divestment of Bengal Chemicals (BCPW) and Bridge and Roof Company as has been proposed by the NITI Ayog.