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**Title:** Requests the Central Government to review the decision to close down eight public sector undertakings.

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA (BANKURA): Sir, on 30th October, 1998, the Government has taken a decision to close down eight public sector undertakings. Out of these eight public sector undertakings, six are located in the State of West Bengal. All these public sector undertakings can be made viable. Without trying to make these public sector undertakings viable, the Government has abruptly taken a decision to close them down.

Even some of these undertakings are under examination by the Board of Industrial and Financial Reconstruction. Their revival package is still under consideration. In spite of that, the Government has taken such a decision.

Most of these are very important undertakings. Because of the closure of these public sector undertakings, at least, 15,000 workers, who are directly employed, will be thrown out of employment. A few thousand workers, who are indirectly working in small, medium and ancillary industries, will also be thrown out of their jobs. I know some of these public sector undertakings, like the MAMC. The MAMC is located in Durgapur.

सभापति महोदय : ठीक है, और लोगों को भी बोलने का मौका दीजिए।

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : This industry is engaged in the manufacture of underground mining machinery and also machinery for power plants. There was a plan for its revival. This industry can be revived. Even some of the industries started production. But Government has taken such a drastic step to close down these industries.

सभापति महोदय : ठीक है, सरकार इस पर उचित कार्रवाई करेगी। आप और माननीय सदस्यों को भी बोलने का मौका दीजिए।

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : I demand that this retrograde step and anti-national action of the Government for closing down these public sector undertakings should be reviewed by the Government. The Government should reverse that decision and should also try to revive all those public sector undertakings to save our indigenous industry and also the workers who are engaged in those public sector undertakings.

श्री रामानन्द सिंह (सतना): सभापति जी, हमारा भी नम्बर आयेगा या नहीं। हम लोग भी आगे बैठेंगे तभी नम्बर आयेगा क्या? हम लोग हाउस में बोलेंगे या नहीं। रामानन्द सिंह मेरा नाम है, मुझे बोलने के लिए कब बुला रहे हैं?