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Title : Demand to allocate an amount of Rs.500 Crore from Sugar Development Fund to re-start the sugar mills in Bihar.

DR. MADAN PRASAD JAISWAL (BETTIAH) : ~~M~~haiman, Sir. 15 sugar mills acquired by the Bihar Government are closed since 1997, due to which 13 thousand workers are facing starvation. An amount of Rs. 75 crores due to them is not being paid. Injustice is done to sugarcane growers also. Bihar Government is not paying their dues worth Rs. 22-23 crores. An amount of Rs. 2100 crores is lying in the Sugar Development Fund. I request the Government to allocate Rs. 500crores out of this fund so that wages to the workers and payments due to the farmers could be made as last year the previous government had given 450 crores to Uttar Pradesh Government to revive the sick sugarmills there and to pay the farmers their dues.

[English]