

Title : Regarding reopening of JESSOP and Bengal Immunity Company Limited in West Bengal-laid

PROF. SOUGATA RAY (DUM DUM): I would like to raise an issue regarding continued closure of JESSOP and Bengal Immunity in Dum Dum, Kolkata. The JESSOP & Company was taken over by Government of India in the 70's but Government of India sold the company to Ruia Group in 2001. But the Ruia's failed to run the company and the company has remained closed for the last ten years. The Government of West Bengal took over the company in 2016 and decided to pay Rs. 10,000/- to every worker. But the Central Government has refused to give permission for the State Government's take over. As a result, the company remains closed while the State Government pays the remuneration. I demand that the Central Government give permission for the takeover. Bengal Immunity which was a company under Govt. of India remains closed for more than fifteen years. The Centre transferred the ownership of the company to Bengal Chemicals. Its plea of not opening the company that there is a case in High Court is not tenable. I demand that the Centre moves for opening the company.