Title: Requested to revise the wages of the workers of the Mica Division of MMTC and to equalize them with the pay scale of other employees of MMTC.

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA (BANKURA): Sir, MICA is one of the important industries of Jharkhand State. When MITCO was there as one of the subsidiaries of MMTC, the employees of MITCO used to get their salaries at par with the employees of MMTC. After becoming sick, MITCO was referred to BIFR and BIFR in 1994 recommended its merger with MMTC. So, MITCO got merged with MMTC, and MICA became one of the divisions of MMTC as Mica division.

Sir, you will be surprised to know that even after its merger, the pay scales of the employees and the workers of MICA division of MMTC have not been revised since 1987. I visited Koderma and Gindi and saw the pitiable conditions of the workers there. They are getting only Rs. 300 per month. The workers are to work in a MICA industry.

Sir, their wages have not been revised whereas the wages of the employees of MMTC have already been revised twice. So, I urge upon the Government that the wages of the employees and the workers of the MICA division of MMTC should also be revised and be brought at par with the pay scales of the employees of MMTC.