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Title: Need to review the decision to close Government Text Book Printing Press at Bhubaneswar, Orissa.

SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO (DHENKANAL): The People of Orissa are very much agitated when they came to know about the decision of the Government of India to close down the Government Text Book Printing Press at Bhubaneswar. Out of the 21 Government Presses under the administrative control of the Directorate of Printing, three Government Presses located at Bhubaneswar, Mysore and Chandigarh are performing very well. The text book press at Bhubaneswar has been upgraded from time to time. With the installation of colour high speed web offset printing machines in 1985 the form printing capacity of this press has further augmented. The press which is having modern and sophisticated machinery has been able to cater to the need of the printing of text books and various forms required for Orissa and Andhra Pradesh as well as the entire eastern region, that is, Assam, West Bengal, Bihar, Arunachal Pradesh and Manipur. Once the press is closed the requirement of printing materials of these States will suffer a great setback. Besides, hundreds of employees working in that Press will be thrown out of employment.

As such, I urge upon the Government to revise its decision on the closure of the press and allow it to run at Bhubaneswar with the direct control of Government of India.