

Title: Need to take suitable steps to make Kalinga Iron Works at Barbil, Orissa, viable –laid.

SHRI ANANTA NAYAK (KEONJHAR) : Kalinga Iron Works, Barbil which was considered as a reputed plant and earned its fame in the international market for producing high grade iron, is now passing through a severe financial crisis. As many as twenty three hundred employees who are working in that plant are even not getting their salaries and wages regularly, as the plant is on the verge of closure. Unless the management of the plant is revamped and incentives are granted to that plant, it may be declared closed any day. This will lead to a great uncertainty of the future of the poor workers as most of them belong to SC/ST and other downtrodden communities.

In view of this, I request the Union Government that the factors which have led to the uncertainty of the plant are identified and steps are taken to revamp the functioning of Karlinga Iron Works at Barbil without any further loss of time.