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Title: Need to ensure immediate payment of outstanding dues to the workers of PSUs.

SHRI SUNIL KHAN (DURGAPUR): I draw the attention of the Government to replies of Unstarred Question No.83 dated 18.11.2002 and 1644 dated 6.3.2003 given in Rajya Sabha. The first one claims 73 PSUs are having Rs.1600.87 crore as outstanding statutory dues and Rs.467.97 crore as outstanding salary/wages as on 31.12.2001. The second reply states that as on 30.6.2003, 65 PSUs are having Rs.1750.14 crore as outstanding statutory dues. In reply to Unstarred Question No.1290 dated 4.3.2003, Ministry of Finance has admitted that Rs.29,480 crore have been credited to the Consolidated Fund of India through disinvestment. In view of Group of Ministers' decisions dated 14.8.2002, I demand immediate payment of the outstanding dues of the workers from the Consolidated Fund of India.