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Title: Need to provide funds to the newly formed sugar co-operative in Kalahandi District of Orissa to take over and run the closed sugar mill at village Goudsargiguda. – Laid.

SHRI BIKRAM KESHARI DEO (KALAHANDI): A sugar mill with a capacity of 2500 metric tonnes per day was established by Western India Group of Industries at village Goudsargiguda under Junagarh Block of Kalahandi District. After running for four years the sugar mill was closed down and the aspiration and hope of sugarcane growers were shattered. So, I request the Central Government to initiate steps for restarting the sugar mill since the people are adopting crop diversification methods by growing sugarcane instead of paddy as the same is more remunerative. A newly formed sugar co-operatives namely – Maalankeswari Sugar Co-operative may be encouraged to take over the sugar mill at depreciated value, besides arranging soft-credit facility for running the same. Also funds from Food Ministry known as Sugar Development Fund may also be extended to them.