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Title: Need to take measures for the welfare of boat manufacturers in Hooghly district, West Bengal.

DR. RATNA DE (HOOGHLY): I would like to bring to the notice of the Hon'ble Labour Minister the despicable plight of the small boat manufacturers in West Bengal. These boat manufacturers belong to Balagarh Block, Hooghly district, West Bengal. The small boats they make help persons for crossing the rivers and for fishing during the season. They are like any other labourers who contribute to the economy and development of the country. But small boat manufacturers do not have the luxury of these basic amenities to survive in their profession. Like Bidi workers who are bestowed with the facilities like identity card, Housing health care, hospitals etc. They are leading a life of hand to mouth. I would strongly urge the Hon'ble Minister to intervene in the matter by providing them identity card so that they can have genuine and reasonable living conditions, health care, hospitals etc