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Title : Need to take immediate steps for revival of Cachar Paper Mill, a Unit of Hindustan Paper Corporation Limited, Assam.

SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA (SILCHAR): Cachar Paper Mill, a unit of Hindustan Paper Corporation, Panchgram, Assam is the solitary heavy Industry in Southern Assam bordering Bangladesh. This industry was playing a vital role for socio-economic development of this remotest part of India. It was a profit making unit by producing high quality paper. Unfortunately because of flowering of Bamboo in the North Eastern States and also due to transportation bottlenecks, the supply of raw material disturbed extremely causing severe impact in production. The management of the Mill could not face the situation properly and as a result the unit gradually lost its viability. Now the Cachar Paper Mill has been suffering from financial crisis and proper management. The Mill is at recovery stage and needs extra care from the Government.

I suggest for revival of this unit, the Government should come forward with necessary funds and the responsibility to be handed over to the efficient management to regain its prestigious status and safeguard livelihood of lakhs of people who are directly or indirectly dependent on regular operation of the Mill.

I urge upon the Government to take immediate steps to save this precious unit of Hindustan Paper Corporation.