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Title: Need to take steps for the revival of Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing Company Limited.

SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN (DINDIGUL): Hindustan Photo Films (HPF) Manufacturing Company Limited is the only public sector undertaking in the backward district of Nilgiris which was established with the sole purpose of social and economic development of the people of Nilgiris.

HPF, inaugurated by Smt. Indira Gandhi in 1967, is a unique Photographic Goods Manufacturing Industry which is the only one of its kind in India. It has contributed significantly to the Nation. The company incurred losses for various reasons after the introduction of liberalization policy and was declared sick during 1996. During the past 16 years, many efforts were made to get the sanction for a Financial Restructuring of the Revival Proposal but the company was not given even a single opportunity to prove its worth with the sanction of a Revival Scheme. It is pertinent to note that HPF has been continuously in operation with production and sales and the employees are working with total dedication in spite of being paid only the meager 1987 scale of wages.

All the employees were eagerly awaiting the approval of the proposal and sanction of minimum revision of wages.

May I urge upon the Government of India to take immediate steps for the revival of HPF and also to increase the salary of its employees?