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Title: Need for approval of revival proposal of the Hindustan Photo Films at Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI P.R. NATARAJAN (COIMBATORE): The Hindustan Photo Films (HPF) is the only Public Sector undertaking in the backward district of Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu which was established with the sole purpose of Social and Economic development of the people of Nilgiris, by the then Hon'ble Chief Minister Late Shri. K. Kamaraj.

HPF was inaugurated by Smt. Indira Gandhi in 1967. It is a unique Photographic Goods Manufacturing Industry which is the only one of its kind in India. It has contributed significantly to the nation. After the introduction of liberalisation, the company incurred losses and was declared sick in 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 inspite of being paid only 1987 scale of wages.

Presently, a viable Revival Proposal based on the report of Consultants has been submitted to the Government which has been duly considered by the DRPSC, BRPSE and Committee of Secretaries (CoS) and it has been recommended for approval to the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA). All the employees were eagerly awaiting for the approval of the proposal and sanction of minimum Revision of wages. But to my dismay, at the CCEA meeting held on 23rd Aug 2012, the Revival Proposal of HPF has not been approved and it was withdrawn by DHI. Further delay will put all the employees and their families into extreme hardship and misery.

We request you to kindly put in your best efforts to ensure the revival of HPF and take up the matter with the Hon'ble Finance Minister, Govt. of India and do the needful for the approval of the said revival proposal of HPF.