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Title: Need to retain the status of Bengal Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals Limited as a public sector company.

DR. RATNA DE (NAG) (HOOGHLY): Bengal Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals Limited (BCPL) was established way back in 1901 by renowned scientist Acharya Prafulla Chandra Roy which is the first chemicals and pharmaceuticals Limited in India. It became famous for its household Indian products such as naphthalene balls, Phenyl and other quality chemicals drugs etc, employing indigenous technology, skill and raw materials. It is headquartered in Kolkata. Over the years it has been a successful venture and contributed immensely to the economy of the country in a big way. It was providing succour to scores of people in various capacities. Unfortunately for the last couple of years, it has started showing losses for unknown reasons. But now company has almost doubled its sales turnover to Rs. 106.70 crore during April-March 2016 as compared to Rs. 64.10 crore during April-March 2015 and almost doubled its sales turnover to Rs. 88 crore during 2015-16 compared to Rs. 45 crore during 2014-15. The company is now commissioning new facilities as a part of expansion plan like new ointment block, Beta-laktam block at Kolkata. It is learnt that the Union Government is making efforts for its disinvestment. As I hail from West Bengal I have been requested by the people of my State to raise this issue and to ensure B.C.P.L. is brought to life and made a successful, profitable endeavour. Under the circumstances, I would request the Union Government to look into the issue and bring back past glory of Bengal Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals Limited.