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Title: Regarding closure of Ballarpur Industries.

PROF. A.S.R. NAIK (MAHABUBABAD): Madam, around 3000 employees of the Ballarpur Industries which is located in the Fifth Scheduled Area of my Constituency are on strike. प्रधानमंत्री साहब जब भी बात करते हैं तो आदिवासियों के कल्याण और स्वदेशी की बात ज्यादा होती है।

This Ballarpur Industries was started by the Thapar Group of industries. The Grasim Industries used to buy pulp which is useful for the preparation of thread. But now it is available through imports. Now because of import of pulp, the Ballarpur Industry is on the verge of closure. They are now asking for the permission of the Government for the shut down, with the result, 3000 employees of the Company which include *adivasis* are on strike for the last 20 days.

I would request the Government to intervene. This is located on the banks of the Godavari river. Water is available there. Within a radius of 40 kilometres, sufficient coal is available. If they want, they can go for thermal power generation plant also. But they are not doing it and we do not know the reasons. आज स्वदेश में विदेशियों के लिए मेक इन इंडिया की बात चल रही है तो फिर सरकार विदेश से इसका इम्पोर्ट क्यों कर रही है? इसकी वजह से आदिवासी एरिया में स्थित कम्पनी वलोज़र की स्थिति में है।