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Title: Regarding reopening of two paper mills in Assam.

SHRI RAMESHWAR TELI (DIBRUGARH): Two paper mills namely Nagaon Paper Mill and Cachar Paper Mill were set up in Assam several years ago bringing cheers to the thousands of people in this industrially backward state. But due to negligence and mismanagement on the part of the Hindustan Paper Corporation which is a Public Sector Undertaking, both the mills were closed down. Madam, the sudden closure of these two mills have brought untold sufferings to hundreds of workers working in the paper mills. The families of mill workers are spending days in utter penury and poverty. The children of the workers have been forced to leave schools and colleges due to joblessness of their parents. I, therefore, request the government to take immediate steps for reopening of both the paper mills at the earliest.