

**Demand for early implementation of revival plan for the  
Hindustan Photo Films at Ooty in Tamil Nadu**

SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN (Tamil Nadu): Sir, the Hindustan Photo Films, Ooty, is a Central public sector undertaking, established in the year 1967. It is located in the hilly and backward Nilgiris district of Tamil Nadu with 750 employees, mostly belonging to the SC, ST, MBC and Backward Classes. They are engaged in the manufacture of medical X-ray films, industrial films and graphic arts films, mostly used in the health and defence sectors.

The technology used is a closely guarded secret, available to only five companies in the world, and any loss of technology would be a national loss, considering that it was established to make the country self-reliant.

The company was referred to BIFR in the year 1995, declared sick during 1996 and recommended for winding up in 2003. In spite of the very low salary, based on the 1987 pay-scale, the employees continued with their work. But this too has been stopped since March, 2013.

The revival proposal submitted to the Government of India has been considered and recommended to the Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE) and the Committee of Secretaries (COS). In spite of the recommendations, the revival plans are delayed due to the non-approval of the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA).

The employees' demand is for early implementation of the Rs.3.2 crores revival plan along with Rs.70 crores for immediate running of the unit and also for revising the salaries to the 1997 pay-scale.

A delegation representing the employees of HPF met the hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on the 30th July, 2013 and submitted a memorandum talking about their grievances.

On behalf of the workers and their families, I would urge the Government of India to immediately implement the revival plan and release their salaries.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Shrimati Wansuk Syiem. You may lay your Special Mention on the Table.

**Demand to give special package for development of tourism in Meghalaya**

SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM (Meghalaya): Sir, I rise to reiterate the long-standing demand of my State, Meghalaya, for its rightful share of the Centre's