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Title: Regarding financial support for poultry industry in Teleangana State by Centre.

DR. G. RANJITH REDDY (CHEVELLA): Sir, this is my maiden entry in Parliament. Thank you very much for giving me this opportunity. This is the first time I entered Parliament even without entering the Assembly. I am really thankful to my hon. Chief Minister for giving me this chance.

I would like to talk about the poultry industry. As far as poultry industry is concerned, hon. President, the hon. Minister, Shri Sarangi, the Opposition leader, Shri Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury and others spoke about Green Revolution, White Revolution, and Blue Revolution. But no one spoke about the poultry industry which is contributing the cheapest protein in the form of eggs and chicken to the nation. Poultry industry, which has come from the backyard farming, has grown to the extent of contributing Rs.1 lakh crore to the GDP of the country. We are the third largest egg producers, and the fifth largest chicken producers in the world. It is a self-grown industry. No one has supported the poultry industry – neither the State nor the Centre. It was for the first time, the hon. Chief Minister, Shri K. Chandrasekhar Rao has started supporting the poultry industry. After that, others followed suit. Now, a few States are supporting the poultry industry. At present, the poultry industry is in dire crisis because of absolute shortage of maize, which is the main constituent of the poultry feed.

Through you, Sir, I would like to request the Agriculture and Commerce Ministers to permit import of maize. Whenever there was a

crisis in the poultry industry during 1989-90, the NAFED had supported the poultry industry by purchasing eggs and putting them in the cold storage. Whatever losses which were incurred, the same was made good by the country and the Egg Coordination Committee. I would like to request the Ministers to also look into this issue. Thank you once again for giving me this opportunity.