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**Title:** Regarding sale of Centaur Hotel at a low price.

SHRI AJOY CHAKRABORTY (BASIRHAT): I would like to draw the attention of the House to one of the serious scams committed by the Government of India. The Government of India has sold out a very prestigious and old hotel, Centaur Hotel, to Batra Hospitals for Rs.83 crore which, subsequently has sold out to Sahara Groups for Rs.115 crore.

It is a very serious matter. The Hotel was sold at undervalued price. There is a very large difference. The Batra Hospitals purchased the Hotel at Rs.83 crore. Thereafter, they sold out the Hotel to the Sahara Group at Rs. 115 crore. The Government of India had sold it out to the Batra Hospital at an undervalued price. It is a serious matter. It is a huge loss to the public exchequer. It is a grave concern of the country. A serious scam has been committed by the Government.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister, would you like to say anything on this issue? It is up to you to respond.

SHRI AJOY CHAKRABORTY : It is a serious scam committed by the Government and the Ministry of Civil Aviation. A news item on this matter has appeared in prestigious newspapers. A Hotel was purchased at Rs. 83 crore and within a month, it was again sold out to the Sahara Group.

MR. SPEAKER: If you do not want a reply from the Minister, you may go on speaking.

*...(Interruptions)*

SHRI AJOY CHAKRABORTY : It is a serious scam committed by the Government of India and a huge loss to the country. It is a grave concern of the country. I urge the Government, through you Sir, for a CBI probe into the matter.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister, do you want to say something on this matter? I am not compelling you to speak.

*...(Interruptions)*

SHRI AJOY CHAKRABORTY : Sir, I demand through you a probe by the CBI into this matter.