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Title: Spread of bird flu in various parts of the Country.

SHRI ADHIR CHOWDHURY (BERHAMPORE, WEST BENGAL): Sir, there is a proverb in our country which used to be uttered by our ancestors: 'A stitch in time saves nine.'. But I think *â€*!\*

MR. SPEAKER: Sorry, that will be deleted.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI ADHIR CHOWDHURY: Millions of poor people in our county are earning their livelihood by way of farming poultry. A few months earlier, avian flu – that is bird flu or chicken flu – struck West Bengal in a devastating way, as a result of which thousands and thousands of poultry farmers had lost their livelihood. *â€*! \*

MR. SPEAKER: You relate to the matters of Central Government.

SHRI ADHIR CHOWDHURY : Sir, it relates to Central Government; it is incumbent upon every State Government to safeguard the public health. A few months earlier, when bird flu struck West Bengal, *...(Not recorded)* Now, again, we came to know that bird flue has assumed alarming proportion in the adjoining State of Assam. *...(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: Do not misuse the opportunity.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI ADHIR CHOWDHURY :Sir, in the adjoining State of Assam also, bird flu has struck in a devastating way. But, in the earlier occasion, as per the Guidelines of the World Health Organisation, if the suggestions are followed, then it would not have been affected again. Already, Malda district in the north Bengal had been struck by the bird flu. On an earlier occasion also, culling operation and mopping operation had not been done in a proper way as a result of which, again, bird flu...*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Shri Sarbananda Sonowal.

...(Interruptions)

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\* Not recorded

MR. SPEAKER: Nothing more; no.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Sorry, you are not utilizing the opportunity properly.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI ADHIR CHOWDHURY : Sir, I would like to request the Central Government to take all possible measures to save the poor poultry farmers in all the States.

MR. SPEAKER: All reference to the State Government will be deleted.[\[r7\]](#)