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Title: Outbreak of Bird-flu in West Bengal.

SHRI PRABODH PANDA (MIDNAPORE): Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Sir, I just want raise a very important matter with regard to the outbreak of Bird-flu. The widespread Bird-Flue in West Bengal is a matter of deep concern. It is not only in West Bengal but the neighbouring States also are very much affected by this Bird-Flu. The affected persons have already received some compensation. Compensation has been provided for them. But most of the poultry holders have taken huge loans from the commercial banks and financial institutions. Hence, I urge upon the Government to take note of this so that it can declare a package of debt relief to the poultry holders who have suffered a lot due to the Bird-flu. In this context, I want to express my feelings. Already some measures have been taken up and culling operations are going and and lakhs and lakhs of chickens have been killed. [r85]

But we are very lucky that it did not affect the humans. I do not know what would happen if it affects the humans. Would they do the same culling operation? I do not know what action the Government would take in regard to that.

MR. CHAIRMAN : If you take this much time, what will others do?

SHRI PRABODH PANDA : Just a minute. Some measures with regard to remedy such as injection or something should be provided so that that does not spread. I think the Government would take the matter seriously.