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Title: Regarding payment of pending salaries to the employees of Hindustan Antibiotic Limited, Pune.

SHRI ARVIND SAWANT (MUMBAI SOUTH): Hon. Speaker, I would like to thank you very much for granting me permission to raise this issue during the 'Zero Hour'.

This is regarding the Hindustan Antibiotics Limited, Pimpri, Pune which is the only PSU which has got huge infrastructure and manpower which, if provided support, can manufacture bulk drugs to serve the "Health for All" vision of the Government of India.

Madam, in fact, the Company is in crisis now. For the last six months, salary is not being paid to the employees. Their statutory payments like GPF, Gratuity and other benefits are not paid. They are requesting the Government to revive this company. Accordingly, a proposal was sent to the Government in 2012. It is still pending with the Government wherein it was stated that the land would be sold out. The Maharashtra Housing and Area Development Authority has paid Rs.5 crore to the company. The balance of Rs.100 crore will be paid. For that matter, I seek the intervention of the hon. Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers for the revival of the company. Around 1100 employees are waiting to get their salary. The Company is on the verge of closure.

Therefore, through you, Madam, during the 'Zero Hour', I would like to request the hon. Minister to pay attention to the revival of this Company urgently.