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Title: Regarding problems faced by the employees of Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd., Pune.

SHRI SANKAR PRASAD DATTA (TRIPURA WEST) : Nearly 1050 employees working in Hindustan Antibiotics Limited, the first Pharmaceutical Company, established by the Government of India, in the year 1954 at Pimpri near Pune, Maharashtra, are not getting their monthly salaries. Today, 18 months' salaries are due to be paid by the Central Government owned company resulting into almost starvation like condition for those employees and their family members. The miserable condition of these employees has been published in the daily newspapers published from Pune and Mumbai.

To save the 1050 employees and their family members, I strongly urge the Ministry to ensure at least payment of wages as per payment of Wages Act on monthly basis.

It is to be mentioned here that in the last year also, I raised the issue on the floor of the House. At that time, the then Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers had assured the House that the matter would be resolved but in vain.

I urge upon the government to mitigate the hardships of the employees immediately.