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Title: Need for investigation into reported use of antibiotics without prescription in poultry industry in the country.

SHRI M.I. SHANAVAS (WAYANAD): Madam, I would like to draw the attention of the Government to a very urgent and important matter which is affecting the health of lakhs of people in India.

The poultry farms are found to be using excessive dosage of antibiotics meant for human beings. The antibiotic drugs like oxytetracycline, chlortetracycline, doxycycline, enrofloxacin and ciprofloxacin are used in human beings. But when excessive drugs are being used for the poultry, for the chicken, it is going to affect the resistance capacity of the human beings.

So, I would urge upon the Government to immediately respond to contain this issue by conducting nationwide investigation in poultry farms with thorough examination of samples and prevent easy availability of antibiotics without prescription and especially bulk purchases from chemists, at the earliest.