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Title: Regarding problems faced by patients affected by diabetes-laid.

SHRI TEJASVI SURYA (BANGALORE SOUTH): There are more than a crore diabetes patients in India and the number of children with diabetes is increasing daily. It is estimated that India has three new cases of Type I Diabetes per 1 lakh children of 0 to 14 years. Further data shows that 17.93 per lakh children are affected in Karnataka, 3.2 cases per lakh children in Chennai and 10.2 cases per lakh children in Karnal.

It is also worrying that Type I diabetes patients are subjected to discrimination in employment or admission processes. While damaged eyesight, hearing and speech are considered as disabilities, it is forgotten that even diabetes is a form of disability as diabetic persons have to always rely on insulin or face threat to their lives. In light of the above, the government could consider declaring Type 1 diabetes as a disability so that diabetic persons, including those children growing up, are able to avail employment in companies under 5 percent quota reserved for persons with disabilities.