

**Need to ensure the surveillance of communicable diseases in the country in view of the decision to do away with the National Polio Surveillance Network.-
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SHRI KISHORI LAL (AMETHI): I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards its decision to discontinue the nearly 28year old "National Polio Surveillance Network (NPSN)?:. This network has played an important role in surveillance and immunization programmes of serious diseases like polio, measles, diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough. During the Covid-19 the service of NPSN was remarkable. By considering the importance of the surveillance of the communicable diseases and steps to take precautionary measures, I request the Government to continue the NPSN to check the widespread of communicable diseases on the eve of the reported spreading of virus related diseases in the neighbouring countries. A large number of existing employees working under the NPSN are on the verge of losing their job and Government has no proposal to rehabilitate them in any other Government projects. The Government has to clear that which agency is responsible for the works done by NPSN and the details of the alternative steps taken to ensure the surveillance of the widespread communicable diseases across the country.