

MR. CHAIRMAN : Now, we will take up matters under Rule 377.

Title: Need to look into increasing incidents of deaths in Mumbai due to HIV and T.B..

SHRI KIRIT SOMAIYA (MUMBAI NORTH EAST): Government's attention is drawn towards the increasing death rate of youth in Mumbai. At the all-India level, 19 per cent of deaths have taken place in the age group of 15 to 45 years. In case of Mumbai, the figures for the years 1998-99, 1999-2000 show that one-third out of the total deaths which took place in Mumbai was in this age group. There is an immediate need to study the reasons. Majority of these deaths, it is feared, is due to HIV and T.B. Therefore, urgent action is needed from the Government to create awareness and to cure these diseases.