

Title: Need to take appropriate measures to eradicate Tuberculosis in the Country.

SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH (JHALAWAR): Thank you Sir. Today, being World TB Day, the successive Governments have tried to eradicate and have started campaigns such as Revised National TB Control Programme.

*Not Recorded.

At this stage, 4.8 per cent of the 10 people affected can be cured by DOTS, which is a directly observed treatment for short process. Every TB patient, coming next to 15 people can affect 15 other people and cause the disease to go further. At this stage, I must also mention that India has a large number of people affected by AIDS. As AIDS virus is susceptible to infect TB and can break-down the human immune system, it infects TB in a person quite easily.

Sir, the Government has brought a new Patent's Bill, which will increase the cost of life saving drugs, especially, the cost of drugs for AIDS patients. The AIDS patients can directly infect the TB patients, so it has a prolonged effect on both the parties.

At this stage, I must say that we must come together, the entire House must come together, on a common platform and pledge to remove all the viruses, such as, AIDS virus and remove TB from our country and assist the common man so that the common man can get medicines and drugs at a cheaper rate.

Sir, with the new Patent Bill, the price of life saving drugs has become costlier and it has affected the TB patients who in a way are directly affected by AIDS.

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Rajnarayan Budholia to associate with this.

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MR. SPEAKER: No statements please. Your name is being recorded.

Shri P.C. Thomas.

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MR. SPEAKER: What is this happening? Please take your seat.

Shri Thomas, you have already spoken once on this. But because of the sensitivity of the matter, I have allowed you. Please be brief.