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Title: Need to undertake necessary measures to tackle the menace of Tuberculosis in the country.

DR. RATNA DE (HOOGHLY): India tops in unreported T.B. cases in the world. It is astonishing to find that around 9 lakhs Indians are suffering from Tuberculosis. In spite of measures being undertaken by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the situation has not improved. In fact, it has nosedived for worse. A sort of public health emergency is prevailing as far as unreported cases of TB are concerned. As per the WHO's report on tuberculosis released in August, 2013, 75 per cent of the estimated 2.9 million misses cases – people who were either not diagnosed or diagnosed but not reported were in 12 countries with India topping in the list. India has 31% of the global total misses cases. It is a bitter fact that quacks are responsible for increase in T.B. cases. Another startling fact is that TB kills one person in every two minutes and almost 750 people every day in India. Government records suggest that India has the largest TB cases between 2 million and 2.5 million.

I would strongly urge the Government of India to make it public as to what measures are in place as of now and what measures have been initiated post WHO report in August, 2013.