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Title: Need to take measures to eradicate Tuberculosis in the country.

DR. SANJEEV GANESH NAIK (THANE): I bring forth my concerns about Tuberculosis (TB) in India. Tuberculosis is a contagious lung disease that spreads through the air, infecting one third of the world's population today. TB most commonly affects the lungs but also can affect any organ of the body. Only people who are suffering from lung TB are infectious. When infected people cough, sneeze, talk or spit, they propel TB germs, known as bacilli, into the air. In India today, two deaths occur every three minutes from tuberculosis (TB). TB is increasingly relevant concerns to India because of TB's relationship with HIV/AIDS patients testing HIV positive as they easily catch TB and currently TB is the number one cause of death in AIDS patients. The Revised National TB Control Programme (RNTCP) has established more than 12,000 microscopy centres providing patients with sputum microscopy services covering a population of approximately 100,000 but still TB is affecting many people. Realizing the fact that TB is killing two persons every three minute, nearly 1000 every day is a major issue of concern. Therefore, I urge upon the Government of India to pay required attention to Tuberculosis (TB) control measures and help to take proper measures to bring down TB deaths.