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Title: Regarding the plight of T.B. patients in India.

SHRI ADHIR CHOWDHURY (BAHARAMPUR): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the concerned Health Ministry and the Union Government to the prevalence of drug-resistant tuberculosis which has been assuming an alarming proportion much to the consternation of all of us. There is an urgent need to have a check on the TB drugs in the private market. There is also a need for regulatory measures to put a check on the drug-resistant tuberculosis. It is shameful to us that for every three minutes, two persons are falling prey to tuberculosis. On the one hand, we are talking about the progress but the flip side is that still we have failed miserably to protect the people from the infection of tuberculosis.

Now, I would like to ask the Government that a regulatory measure should be put in place so that sub-standard medicines are not made available in the market because already public sector and private sector are witnessing the symptom of the drug-resistant tuberculosis which is on the rise. It is a portent to the health sector also. So, the Government should come forward and take immediate measures so as to put a check on T.B. drug available in the market.