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Title: Need to start mobile units for Cancer patients in the country.

\*SHRI INNOCENT : I express my gratitude to Hon'ble Madam Speaker, for allowing me to speak. This is my maiden speech, on the floor of this august House, and I want to raise a very important subject.

Madam, myself and my wife were cancer patients till last year.

Cancer had affected five parts of my body.

While I was under going treatment in the hospital, my wife Alice underwent mammogram test.

The test was done, three days prior to my discharge from the hospital.

While I got discharged and was returning home, the doctor telephoned me and told me that the result of mammogram test has come – and my wife too was suffering from cancer.

But he assured me, that there was nothing to worry; because it was detected at the earliest stage.

Therefore unlike me; she did not have to undergo Chemotherapy or even medicines.

I narrated this story because I am told that the Central Government is planning to provide free medicines to cancer patients.

This is indeed a good idea. But Madam after developing cancer when the patients go to the doctor for treatment; it is often found that cancer growth has reached the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage; 3<sup>rd</sup> stage, or even the last stage.

Therefore, for the early detection of this disease; the Central and State Government should jointly organise mobile cancer detection units.

It should travel to all panchayats, municipalities, and corporations.

All across the country, in all the states, we should be able to detect cancer at the earliest; and there by ensure full recovery of the patients.

We can thereby reduce the mortality rate due to cancer.

I certainly hope and request the Central Government to take immediate steps; to wards this end.

HON. SPEAKER: Both he and his wife are suffering from cancer. Whatever issue he has raised, he has raised it very sincerely.

Hon. Members, Shri M.B. Rajesh, Shri P.K. Biju and Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey are permitted to associate themselves with what hon. Member Shri Innocent has said.