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Title: Need to provide better health care facilities to the workers of tea gardens in Assam.

SHRI RAMESHWAR TELI (DIBRUGARH) : Assam is the largest tea producer in the country. It is also a major contributor to State's revenue. But unfortunately there is no proper health care facilities for the tea plantation workers who toil very hard day in and day out to make the state prosperous. Poor socio-economic conditions, ignorance due to illiteracy, overcrowded and unhygienic living conditions make tea garden population vulnerable to diseases and malnutrition. My constituency Dibrugarh is the hub of tea industry. However, the tea workers are susceptible to occupational health hazards. I, therefore, appeal to the Government to develop specific strategies that include preventive, primitive and curative measures to address the health and nutritional needs of tea plantation workers. Provision of blood banks, ambulances, doctors, para-medical staff, medical equipment and other basic health infrastructure facilities should be made available in the tea estates for the welfare of tea workers in the state.