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Title: Need to set up a Biomedical Technology Park in Ahmedabad.

DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI (AHMEDABAD): With the aim to enhance low-cost and quality healthcare delivery system by encouraging domestic production of medical equipment, I request the concerned Ministries of the Government of India to assist in the establishment of a Bio-medical Technology Park in Ahmedabad.

Ahmedabad is host to a well-established network of medical institutes, specialized diagnostic services, a cluster of pharmaceutical companies and necessary support infrastructure. As a whole, Gujarat's pharmaceutical sector accounts for almost 45% of the total pharmaceutical output in the country. 50% of the biotech companies in Gujarat are located in and around Ahmedabad. Gujarat, and in particular Ahmedabad, is also emerging as a medical tourism hub.

Thus, the proposed Bio-Medical Technology Park can serve as an essential tool of development and enhance the existing capabilities and services of Ahmedabad's health sector, which further underscores the importance of this park.