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Title: Regarding use of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) treatment to prevent spread of HIV AIDS.

SHRI A.P. JITHENDER REDDY (MAHABUBNAGAR): Madam, I would like to raise the issue of need to establish an HIV-AIDS Research Centre in Mahabubnagar, Telangana.(*Interruptions*)

I recently came across the use of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) treatment being used widely in Western countries to prevent contracting and spreading of HIV AIDS.(*Interruptions*) It is primarily used in a way for people who do not have HIV but who are at substantial risk of getting it to prevent HIV infection by taking a pill every day. When taken consistently, PrEP has been shown to reduce the risk of HIV infection in people who are at high risk by up to 92 per cent.(*Interruptions*)

However, the treatment is not so popularly available in India, nor is the population aware of the same. Therefore, I request the Government to establish a research centre dedicated to study and address the issue of HIV AIDS in my constituency of Mahabubnagar, Telangana.(*Interruptions*) This centre should study the viability of use of PrEP in India, and if found effective, should make it readily available at a subsidized rate in the retail market and part of the campaign against HIV AIDS.(*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER:

Kunwar Pushpendra Singh Chandel is permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri A.P. Jithender Reddy.

Shri Gopal Shettyji.

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