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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.

... (*Interruptions*)