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Title: Regarding Tribal health care in the country-laid

DR. (PROF.) KIRIT PREMJI BHAI SOLANKI (AHMEDABAD WEST) : I want to raise the pertinent issue of tribal health in the country. According to the expert committee report called Tribal Health in India by the health and welfare ministry, 104 million tribal people are heavily marginalised and discriminated against who account for 8.6% of country's population. Not only are tribal communities socio-economically discriminated by the mainstream Indian populace, they also face a host of structural inequalities, with access to healthcare being one of the biggest. According to expert committee report 42% of tribal children are underweight, 1.5 times higher than non-tribal children. They constitute 8.6% of the total population but report 30% of the malaria cases. And 50% of all malaria related deaths are in the tribal population. I urge the Government to release an annual budget equal to 2.5% GDP per capita basis for tribal healthcare.