

Title: Need to upgrade the sanitorium in Bhawali, Nainital, Uttranchal to an Institute for chest diseases.

SHRI K.C. SINGH 'BABA' (NAINITAL): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I rise to raise the issue of immediate Central financial assistance to the Bhawali TB Sanatorium in Nainital, Uttarakhand. This Sanatorium is approximately 100 years old and caters to the need of thousands of TB patients living below the poverty line, coming from all parts of the country and in particular, poor TB patients residing in the difficult hilly terrains of Uttarakhand. The DOT Scheme is doing well but the increased number of cases of fourth and higher stage tuberculosis, that is, multi-drug resistance TB patients are not being properly taken care of due to lack of proper infrastructure facilities. There is an urgent need to take effective steps for providing facilities of proper treatment to such cases.

Due to scarce financial resources, the Sanatorium is now, almost, on the verge of collapse. The situation, therefore, calls for immediate release of adequate Central funds to the Sanatorium in order to ensure that Bhawali Sanatorium in Nainital can be upgraded to the level of Chest Institutes, as in Delhi, where Multi-Drug Resistance TB patients can be properly treated. Thank you, Sir.

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Chandra Mani Tripathi -- not present. Prof. Rasa Singh Rawat.