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Title: Regarding decline in the standards of medical and health services in the Country.

DR. KARAN SINGH YADAV (ALWAR) : Hon. Speaker, Sir, I would like to draw your attention to the disturbing news this morning where two infants died in incubators in the hospitals of Ahmedabad and Delhi because of a fire which resulted from short circuit in electric connection. There was also a news item that the cotton wool in hospitals is in short supply. There was another news item that the budgetary provision for AIIMS under Non-Plan has been cut down and the budgetary provisions for Safdarjung Hospital has also been cut down. What I want to bring to your notice is that we thought that the Health Budget should be three per cent of GDP, but it is not increased more than one per cent. We feel that successively every day, the health situation is deteriorating in the cities. As the National Rural health Mission is doing good work in the rural areas, I think, similar kind of provisions to strengthen the hospitals in cities and these institutions need to be taken care of.[\[SS25\]](#)

I would urge upon the hon. Finance Minister to see that the hospitals and medical area are given both budgetary provisions so that such tragic events which happened in the hospitals do not take place again.

MR. SPEAKER : I am allowing one more important matter as a special case and because of a request made. Since more than what is our scheduled quota has been exceeded, there will be no recess today and also because so many hon. Members wish to speak. As an exception and special dispensation on the ground of no more slogans by you, I am allowing Shrimati Kiran Maheshwari.