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Title: Need to formulate a health programme for the kidney patients and to subsidise the cost of dialysis for poor people and children.

SHRI MOHAMMED E.T. BASHEER (PONNANI): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I wish to draw the kind attention of this House towards a very important issue, that is, regarding the urgent necessity of a National Health Scheme for kidney patients.

Sir, the number of kidney patients is increasing in an alarming way in the country. It is estimated that there are approximately 7.85 million people suffering from chronic kidney failure in India. It is also reported that two lakh patients die of kidney disease every year in India and thousands are being added to this list everyday. Sir, it is a known fact that the treatment like dialysis is very expensive and the ordinary people cannot afford it. Kidney transplantation is a very rare thing, and it is very clear that the normal people cannot afford the cost of it. That is also very clear. In India, 90 per cent patients who suffer from kidney disease are not able to afford the dialysis treatment.

Recent medical report says that youngsters are also becoming victims to kidney disease in a big way. Besides the cost of treatment, the number of dialysis centres is also very few in our country and we all know that fact. There are some private institutions, which are charging exorbitant rate for treatment.

Under the circumstances, I would humbly request the Government to take urgent steps for three things – firstly, to formulate a National level health programme exclusively for the kidney patients; secondly, to provide financial assistance and subsidy for the poor kidney patients who are undergoing treatment; and thirdly, to arrange facilities for dialysis at all the Government hospitals. I would once again humbly request the Government to take these steps urgently.

MR. CHAIRMAN : You can raise only one issue.

Shri Kameshwar Baitha. कृपया अपनी सीट पर जा कर बोलें या तो यहाँ से बोलने की अनुमति लीजिए।