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Title: Need to make serological kits available to people at reasonable rate.

SHRIMATI BOTCHA JHANSI LAKSHMI (VIZIANAGARAM): Madam Speaker, thank you for allowing me to raise a matter of urgent public importance, which relates to measures need to be taken to control the spread of tuberculosis.

Madam, the number of TB cases is growing at a rapid pace. Out of 100 TB cases, three to five per cent are incurable. Due to effective implementation of eradication of polio from the country, the Government has made serious efforts to eradicate the same this year without any case being reported from anywhere in the country. I compliment the Government for this achievement.

**18.14 hrs** (Shri Satpal Maharaj *in the Chair*)

Poor people are innocent about the attack of TB. They think it is a common cough. Therefore, there is a need to make serological tests accessible to the poor people near their habitations. In the case of pregnancy tests, single kit has been made available. Similarly, serological test kits also should be made available to the people.

If any private doctor treats a TB case, he should report the same to the Government hospital with all the details of the case. It should be made mandatory. Therefore, I urge upon the Government to make serological test kits available to the *aam aadmi* at reasonable rate and at their doorstep on a large scale and anti-TB drugs should be distributed free of cost to the TB patients. At the same time, the Government should institute a research on the drugs resistant to TB and new formulations should be discovered immediately to check TB cases.