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Title: Need to undertake research work to control and cure diabetes in the country.

SHRI C. RAJENDRAN (CHENNAI SOUTH): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I would like to bring the following matter to the notice of the Government for taking proper action.

India has now become the 'Diabetic Capital of the World', with more than 60 million people affected by diabetes. The World Health Organization estimates that there are about 350 million people in the world afflicted with Diabetes and states that it is a silent epidemic. The International diabetes Federation says that by 2030, India would cross 100 million diabetic patients. There are also reports that suggest that juvenile diabetes is affecting about 70,000 children up to 15 years of age.

Diabetes causes six deaths every minute and one in 20 deaths happen in the world is due to diabetes. It is an alarming proportion and if left unattended, it would overtake all the other causes of death in India and in the world too. Diabetes causes kidney failure, heart diseases, blindness, among others. Due to the seriousness it poses, it is very essential that India takes immediate steps to prevent, detect and cure this disease.

Though life style and food habits are main causes, the Government may send out advisories to all schools to make it mandatory to have one class purely devoted to physical training or yoga training, focused on preventing diabetes. There is also an urgent need to undertake immediate research project in this area to explore other ways of curing diabetics. The Government may also have inter-ministerial cooperation and coordination to increase its allocation for treating this dreaded disease, which is posing a grave threat to humanity.