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Title: Need to set up a committee to assess the study reports of AIIMS, New Delhi and other agencies/mobile operators in view of reported link between mobile radiation and brain tumor.

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK): Sir, the question that has always been asked is: "Is radiation from mobile phones harmful?" Multiple studies globally have not conclusively reached an answer. But an analysis by AIIMS, Delhi, of all research on the subject has found an interesting pattern. The Government-funded studies show increased risk of brain tumour on long-term exposure to mobile phone radiation while the industry-funded research tends to underestimate the risk. They found, and I quote:

"The industry-funded studies are not of good quality and tend to underestimate the risk. The Government-funded studies show increased risk of brain tumour on long-term exposure", said Dr. Kameshwar Prasad, Head of the Neurology Department at AIIMS, Delhi, who is the lead author of the study."

Sir, according to Dr. Prasad, based on studies of long-term mobile use for at least 10 years or over 1640 hours, it can be said that such exposure increases brain risk by 101.33 times. In other words, if 100 people suffer from brain tumour factoring in radiation exposure increased by a number of 133 times. In 2011, an Inter-Ministerial Committee had said mobile phone towers should not be installed near high density residential areas, schools, playgrounds and hospitals after reviewing available research.

My demand, therefore, is that when our AIIMS doctor has come out with this study, it is necessary today, as the matter is directly connected with the risk to human life, I urge upon the Government to set up a committee to review or assess the study reports of AIIMS and other agencies, mobile operators as early as possible to bring the factual position into public domain and to suggest remedial measures thereto.

HON. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Bhairon Prasad Mishra, Kunwar Pushpendra Singh Chandel, Shri Sharad Tripathi, Shri Shivkumar Udasi, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Shri M.B. Rajesh and Shrimati P.K. Shreemathi Teacher are permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab.