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Title: Need to check the increasing number of cancer patients in Greater Noida in Western Uttar Pradesh and set up a Super Speciality Hospital in Western Uttar Pradesh.

SHRI HUKUM SINGH (KAIRANA): At least five villages around the Chhapraula Industrial Area in Greater Noida (Uttar Pradesh) – Sadopur, Achheja, Sadullapur, Bishnuli, and Khera Dharampura – about 30km from Delhi, have seen an abnormally high number of cancer cases surfacing in the last five years. Most of the cancers in these afflicted villages are related to gastrointestinal tract and liver. Blood cancer is also fairly common. An extraordinarily high number of cases of hepatitis, liver ailments, stomach problems and skin diseases have also surfaced in these villages. In Sadopur village alone, a generation has been wiped out by cancer and the next generation has been suffering from deadly diseases of gastrointestinal tract.

What is the exact cause of such high number of cases of cancer and fatal diseases of the gastrointestinal tract, has not been detected. But environmentalists, village people and others assume that the main culprit is the untreated industrial effluents of nearby factories which are discharging highly polluted chemical wastes and thereby contaminating ground water. It is estimated that during the past four-five years, at least 70 people of these five villages have lost their lives due to cancer, an estimated 90 people are currently undergoing cancer treatment and at least 60 people are suffering from Hepatitis-C or liver related diseases. Data regarding Dujana, Vaidpura, Milak Lachchi, Khedi Bhanota villages which are suspected to have similar cases, is not available.

Similar is the case with villages under Muzaffarnagar and Shamli Districts in Western U.P. hundreds of people have died and hundreds of people are suffering from Cancer and other fatal diseases. There is not a single hospital in entire Western Uttar Pradesh to treat cancer and other deadly diseases.

Keeping in view the health of the people of these five villages of Greater NOIDA and other similar villages in entire Western Uttar Pradesh, I urge upon the Union Government to take immediate steps to find out the enormity of the situation and provide all necessary help to the people of these villages so that cancer and other deadly diseases which have surfaced there could be combated in an effective manner. The Union Government should take steps to set up a Super-speciality Hospital in Western Uttar Pradesh.