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Title: Regarding the urgent need for detecting, monitoring and controlling TB among the children of India.

SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY (BAHARAMPUR): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the House to an important matter that India has the highest incidence of Tuberculosis in the world. The situation has further compounded because the drug resistant TB has also been growing alarmingly in our country.

In addition to it, I would like to draw the attention of the House to one another horrifying discovery has been occurred in India whereby it has been found that India has also become the highest number of Tuberculosis among the children out of 22 countries in the world. Every year, 74,000 to 1,30,000 children are dying due to Tuberculosis.

Diagnosing TB of those children is difficult because they do not produce enough sputum for the test. So, the situation calls for a well coordinated action plan, rather I would suggest on a war footing measure. All the Anganwadi workers should be trained in such a way that they can detect Tuberculosis among the children in our country.

Thank you.