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title: Need to provide compensation to the families of employees of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Mumbai who died due to cancer or are living with cancer caused by hazardous atomic radiation.

SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE (MUMBAI SOUTH CENTRAL): I would like to raise an important issue concerning health of the employees working in Atomic Energy Hubs across the country over the last 20 years. I would like to draw the attention of Hon'ble Prime Minister to an RTI reply by the Government that is reported to have revealed that cancer caused almost 70 per cent of the 3887 health related deaths in these centers. In all, 2,600 employees succumbed to cancer in 19 Centers between 1995 and 2014.

Similarly, the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Mumbai which is under the Department of Atomic Energy had another shocking revelation that 255 employees took their own lives while in the harness in the same period. On an average almost one died every month over 20 year period. Investigations showed they were under stress mostly over prolonged illness or family problems.

This premier institute, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre is situated in my Constituency Mumbai South-Central. I would like to request Hon'ble Prime Minister to kindly look into the matter, think sympathetically for the welfare of the highly qualified employees of atomic research centers and grant compensation to the families of the departed, ailing retired employees and working employees affected by radiation hazards.