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Title: Need to open special nursing homes for old age related ailment patients.

PROF. RICHARD HAY (NOMINATED): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I thank you very much for giving me this opportunity to speak on a very important issue related to dementia, Alzheimer and old age related ailment patients whose number is increasing in this country. The number will only increase as life expectancy has increased and the population is ageing rapidly.

It is a truism that health-care provision for such people who suffer on account of ageing-related illnesses in this country is minimal and too expensive. People who suffer from dementia are also labeled as mentally sick. Relatives usually do not provide much help. They end up in psychiatric hospitals where their life is further ruined. Since nobody cares for such hapless patients, it is requested that the Government step in and understand the severity of the problem.

I humbly urge upon the hon. Minister of Health to take steps to run special nursing homes for such patients. Thank you.

HON. DEPUTY-SPEAKER:

Shri Bhairon Prasad Mishra and

Kunwar Pushpendra Singh Chandel are permitted to associate with the issue raised by Prof. Richard Hay.