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Title: Need for Central Government to take over Dr. B. Borooah Cancer Hospital in Guwahati, Assam.

SHRI RAM PRASAD SARMAH (TEZPUR): Sir, I may be given two minutes time because I am raising a very important issue of "Cancer incidence and its impact in Assam".

Sir, Assam is becoming the second Cancer State in India after Punjab. Even small children between the ages of 2 years and 18 years are getting cancer and the reason is consumption of *gutka* by college and school-going children. There is only one Cancer Institute in Assam, that is, Dr. B. Borooah Cancer Institute, which is to be taken over by the Ministry of Science and Technology as well as by the Department of Nuclear Energy.

So, I would request the Government of India to ban *gutka* totally in Assam as also in the country and also ban tobacco, which is making Assam the second largest Cancer State in India after Punjab. I also request the Government of India to take over the only Cancer Institute in Guwahati, that is, Dr. B. Borooah Cancer Institute so that people could get better treatment. One thousand cases of cancer are being reported every week in the Cancer Institute, Guwahati. That is the alarming rate of cancer's impact in Assam. Thank you.

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