## Sixteenth Loksabha

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Title: Need to discourage youngsters from playing 'Blue Whale' game.

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DR. RATNA DE (NAG) (HOOGHLY): Among the problems thrown up with the fast pace of technology in every sphere is the 'Blue Whale' game which has started taking its toll among youngsters. It has already become a humongous worry for the parents as more and more youngsters are falling prey to the Blue Whale game.

As per the news report of The Hindu dated 4 August 2017, 'Blue Whale' game worries Elders, already 130 suicides are linked to the game reported in US, Russia, England and Italy. In India one Manpreet had allegedly committed suicide by jumping from a building at Andheri in Mumbai in July 2017. Youngsters are drawn easily to 'Blue Whale' game which gives instructions such as watch horror movies, travel without ticket on trains, etc. and ultimntely telling them to commit suicide.

Considering the seriousness of Blue Whale game among youngsters, I would request the Government to discourage youngsters from playing 'Blue Whale' game.