

कोई सार्थक एजेंसी नहीं है। इसका दुखद् पहलू यह है कि इन परीक्षणों से उन लोगों को अनजान रखा जाता है अथवा उसके बारे में उनको सही जानकारी नहीं दी जाती है। इन परीक्षणों के बदले में उस गरीब व्यक्ति को बहुत ही थोड़ी रकम मिलती है, जबकि बिचौलिये और अस्पताल इन बहुराष्ट्रीय दवा कम्पनियों से मोटी रकम वसूलते हैं। इसके पूर्व केरल के रीजनल कैंसर संस्थान में गुपचुप तरीके से ऐसे परीक्षण किए गए थे। उसमें भी डाक्टरों की टीम ने उन व्यक्तियों को इससे अनजान रखा था और न ही कहीं से इसकी अनुमति भी ली गई थी, जबकि ऐसे परीक्षण पहले जानवरों पर करने के बाद उसके परीक्षणों के प्रभावों को जांचने के बाद ही मनुष्यों पर इसका परीक्षण किया जाता है।

महोदय, मैं सदन के माध्यम से मांग करता हूँ कि भारत को बहुराष्ट्रीय कम्पनियों की दवाओं का परीक्षण केन्द्र बनने से रोकने के लिए प्रभावी कदम उठाएं।

Request for felicitating Sachin Tendulkar by conferring on him 'Bharat Ratna' for his achievements in Cricket

SHRI RANJITSINH VIJAYSINH MOHITE-PATIL (Maharashtra): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, one of the greatest players to have ever played the game, Sachin Tendulkar has been the greatest icon of the world cricket for almost two decades now. Ever since his debut, way back at Karachi against Pakistan in 1989, at the age of 16 years, he displayed exemplary skills when at the crease, and was immediately hailed as 'the next genius'. Sachin did not disappoint anyone and cruised his way into the record books with each knock. In principle, we all agree that "A person who defended the honour of the country is to be honoured", and Sachin Tendulkar has been continuously doing so over the years. Therefore, Hon. Vice-Chairman, Sir, through you, I would urge the Government to bestow "Bharat Ratna", the highest civilian honour, on him, which would inspire all the youth of India to take to the sports. Thank you, Sir.

SHRI R.C. SINGH (West Bengal): Sir, I associate myself with the Special Mention made by Shri Patil.

DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE (Maharashtra): Sir, I also associate myself with his Special Mention.

Demands for implementing pay structure for Gramin Dak Sevaks on a par with other Government employees in the country

SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I would like to bring to the notice of the Government the plight of Gramin Dak Sevaks who are working in rural post offices through the country. The demand of "Gramin Dak Sevaks for their pension, retirement benefits, bonus and proper time-related pay on a par with other Central Government staffs is unheard for a long time. The Gramin Dak Sevaks run almost 80 per cent of the country's post offices. Out of the 1,80,000 post offices in the country, 1,30,000 are run by them. The detrimental attitude of the Government has caused an extreme mental agony and disillusionment amongst the three lakh GDSs who are the backbone of Postal Department in the rural India. Further, these three lakh GDSs are excluded by the Government from the purview of Sixth Pay Commission. Even though the