

**\*SPECIAL MENTIONS**

THE VICE CHAIRMAN (PROF. P.J. KURIEN) : Now, we take up the Special Mentions. The Special Mentions are to be laid on the Table of the House.

**Demand to make an Effective Strategy to fight the deadly  
Non Communicable Diseases in the country**

DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA (Rajasthan) : There is an urgent need to focus attention on what may be the world's quietest epidemic; the global surge in heart disease, cancer, diabetes and other non-communicable diseases.

In India, non-communicable diseases have eclipsed infectious diseases as the leading cause of death and now contribute to 53 per cent of the nation's mortality. Of compounding concern is the high prevalence of metabolic risk factors, such as high blood pressure and elevated levels of blood glucose and cholesterol. An estimated one-third of Indians have high blood pressure and more than one-quarter have elevated cholesterol.

The economic toll also is alarming. According to the World Health Organisation, India stands to lose US \$ 237 billion between 2004 and 2015 due to lost productivity from premature deaths caused by non-communicable diseases. India is not alone, the United States and many other nations are experiencing similar economic effect. In 2010, diabetics were 50.8 million, which may rise to 87 million by 2030. Due to cancer, 5,35,767 died during 2011.

Communicable diseases are globally on the rise. In fact, this year, non-communicable diseases will account for two of every three deaths worldwide.

There is a need to identify disease risk factors and developing strategies to reduce or eliminate these risks. Tobacco and many other risk factors for non-communicable diseases are well-recognized. However, others, such as salt consumption and exposure to smoke from unvented indoor cooking stoves, are less appreciated.

In view of the above worrying scenario, I would urge the hon. Minister of Health and Family Welfare to take necessary preventive/curative steps. Thank you.

**Demand to make Clear Agenda for RIO+20 Summit to be held in Brazil**

श्री अली अनवर अंसारी (बिहार) : महोदय, अंतर्राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर सम्पूर्ण विश्व के राष्ट्राध्यक्ष, सिविल सोसाइटी के प्रतिनिधि और विकास के मुद्दों से जुड़े विभिन्न संगठनों के प्रतिनिधि 20 से 22 जून 2012 को ब्राजील की राजधानी रियो दी जेनेरियो में एकत्रित होने जा रहे हैं। इस महासम्मेलन को रियो+20 का नाम दिया गया है। 20 वर्ष पूर्व (1992) भी रियो में 172 सरकारों के प्रतिनिधियों