

श्री मोहम्मद अली खान (आंध्र प्रदेश): महोदय, मैं स्वयं को इस विषय से संबद्ध करता हूँ।

† جناب محمد علی خان (آندھرا پردیش): میں خود کو اس وشی سے سمبڈھ کرتا ہوں۔

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श्री वी. हनुमंत राव (तेलंगाना): महोदय, मैं स्वयं को इस विषय से संबद्ध करता हूँ।

श्री परवेज़ हाशमी (राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र, दिल्ली): महोदय, मैं स्वयं को इस विषय से संबद्ध करता हूँ।

SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM (Meghalaya): Sir, I associate myself with the issue raised by my colleague.

SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE (West Bengal): Sir, I also associate myself with the issue raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI ANANDA BHASKAR RAPOLU (Telangana): Sir, I also associate myself with the issue raised by my colleague.

SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN (Kerala): Sir, I also associate myself with the issue raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI PANKAJ BORA (Assam): Sir, I also associate myself with the issue raised by the hon. Member.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Yes, names of Members who have associated will be added. ...*(Interruptions)*...

#### **Need to regulate the price of stents used in heart patients**

SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN (Kerala): Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, I draw the attention of this House to the exploitation of the heart patients by the private hospitals in India. In many ways the private hospitals are exploiting the patients but in a particular case I bring to the notice of this House the price of a stent used for the cardiovascular diseases. The number of cardiovascular diseases is increasing every year. Actually there has been 15 per cent increase every year. In 2014, four lakh stents were implanted in India, and the total amount spent by the patients was ₹ 2,500 crores. The Government has fixed the price of a stent at ₹ 23,625, but actually the price being charged from a patient in private hospitals is between ₹ 55,000 and ₹ 80,000. In Government hospitals the price that has been fixed is not being implemented in true spirit. We are importing majority of the stents from foreign countries, especially 60 per cent of the stents are being imported from three companies in the United States.

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† Transliteration in Urdu Script.

In Maharashtra, the Drug Administration has conducted a study on this. They have said that an imported stent is priced at ₹ 30,848. But the average price being charged from a patient is ₹ 67,000.

So, there is no regulatory framework to control the exorbitant price of a stent. The patients cannot go and buy stents from medical shops. It is being sold by private hospitals, and the price is also being fixed by the private hospitals. They charge as they like. So, the Government must intervene, and a regulatory mechanism must be there to regulate the price of stents because patients have no other alternative. If the doctor says, "You have to implant stents", then, he is forced to go in for it. So, the Government must take note of this kind of exploitation and take action.

SHRI D. RAJA (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I associate myself with the issue raised by the hon. Member.

Dr. T.N. SEEMA (Kerala): Sir, I associate myself with the issue raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI D. BANDYOPADHYAY (West Bengal): Sir, I associate myself with the issue raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE (West Bengal): Sir, I also associate myself with the issue raised by the hon. Member.

श्री दर्शन सिंह यादव (उत्तर प्रदेश) : महोदय, मैं इस के साथ एसोशिएट करता हूँ।

श्री विशम्भर प्रसाद निषाद (उत्तर प्रदेश) : सर, मैं भी इसके साथ एसोशिएट करता हूँ।

श्री भूपिंदर सिंह (ओडिशा) : महोदय, मैं भी इसके साथ एसोसिएट करता हूँ।

श्री अरविन्द कुमार सिंह (उत्तर प्रदेश) : महोदय, मैं भी इसके साथ एसोशिएट करता हूँ।

श्री अली अनवर अंसारी (बिहार) : सर, मैं भी इसके साथ एसोशिएट करता हूँ।

श्री गुलाम रसूल बलियावी (बिहार) : सर, मैं भी इससे अपने आपको सम्बद्ध करता हूँ।

श्री रवि प्रकाश वर्मा (उत्तर प्रदेश) : महोदय, मैं भी इसके साथ एसोशिएट करता हूँ।

श्री नीरज शेखर (उत्तर प्रदेश) : महोदय, मैं भी इसके साथ एसोशिएट करता हूँ।

श्री आलोक तिवारी (उत्तर प्रदेश) : महोदय, मैं भी इसके साथ एसोशिएट करता हूँ।

श्री पवन कुमार वर्मा (बिहार) : महोदय, मैं भी इसके साथ एसोशिएट करता हूँ।

श्रीमती कहकशां परवीन (बिहार) : सर, मैं भी इसके साथ एसोशिएट करती हूँ।