

the recent Junior Engineer Recruitment Notification dated 1st February, the Commission has not offered age relaxation to the EWS but other reservation beneficiaries have got it. So I urge upon the Government to extend age relaxation facility to the EWS children as the same is permissible and within the ambit of the Act passed by the Parliament. Delay in extending the reservation benefits to them will have an adverse impact on their career. I urge you to think of it.

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Eradication of TB

SHRI K.J. ALPHONS (Rajasthan): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I thank you for giving me this opportunity to bring to the notice of the hon. House and also of the Government the need to intensify our crusade against tuberculosis. Globally, there are 10 million TB patients and India has 24 lakh TB patients. This Government had the great courage to set a target of 2025 for elimination of TB even though the global target fixed by WHO is 2030.

Sir, of these 24 lakh, Uttar Pradesh has 20 per cent, Maharashtra has nine per cent, Madhya Pradesh has eight per cent and my State of Rajasthan has seven per cent. Because of our great focus on fighting Covid, our entire health mechanism and structure is busy in fight against Covid. Even though the Government has set up a fantastic patient tracking system, Nikshaya Aushadhi, the fight against TB has actually slowed down because of the huge efforts in fighting the coronavirus. TB patients have low immunity. There is a possibility that they may pick up Covid quickly because their immunity systems are low. The Government must intensify the tracking system and pay much more attention to tracking TB patients and treating them. Thank you very much, Sir.

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**Need to take measures for bridging the gap between demand
and supply of water**

SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY (Andhra Pradesh): Mr. Chairman, Sir, this is regarding the water management system in our country. India, one of the world's most water stressed