

TEXT of SPECIAL MENTION' IN INDIAN PARLIAMENT BY MR ANEEL PRASAD HEGDE on PANDEMIC TREATY AND AMENDMENTS TO INTERNATIONAL HEALTH REGULATIONS 2005

Thank you Deputy Chairman Sir, for giving me the opportunity to speak on an important subject with Concerns over WHO's proposed Global Pandemic Treaty with the Amendments to the International Health Regulations 2005.

The World Health Organisations proposed Global Pandemic Treaty with the Amendments to the International Health Regulations 2005 presents a profound threat to our national interest. European/UK Parliament have also raised concern regarding them.

WHO's proposed treaty hopes to become the ultimate authority on health, in a One Health Approach, which would grant unchecked powers to the organisation that extend far beyond the realm of health, encroaching upon areas of food economy, environment, and individual liberties. Its provisions enable the WHO to unilaterally declare pandemics, assume control over national governments, mandate medical procedures, and impose restrictions that violate citizen's constitutional rights.

The amendments to the IHR 2005, deepens our concerns. They could lead to draconian measures undermining our National interests, if accepted. It is important to note that WHO, an external and unelected body, funded by Private interests and Companies, will take over Policy-making in the health sector and the achievements of our Government will come to a naught while putting the health of our citizens at risk.

It is important that such far-reaching decisions concerning the health/liberties of our people undergo a rigorous process of parliamentary scrutiny and approval. Therefore, I urge the government to ensure that no treaty, especially the Pandemic Treaty or any amendments to the IHR, that are against our national interests maybe approved.

Thank you