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Title : Regarding outbreak of fever in Kozhikkode Constituency.

SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN (KOZHICODE): Thank you, Madam Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to bring to the attention of the House a serious health problem prevailing in my Constituency Kozhikkode. There is a major outbreak of fever since last month, and daily thousands of people are reaching Government hospitals for treatment. The facilities in the hospitals there are inadequate to handle the sudden influx of patients in such large numbers. Eighty-five per cent of the patients are diagnosed as suffering from Chikungunya, seriously affecting body joints, and patients are made immobile for some weeks. The remaining 15 per cent of the patients suffer from dengue fever, weill's disease and viral fever. In addition to this grave situation, G-B Syndrome disease is also spreading in this area. A large majority of these are poor people. These people who are affected by the disease have to remain in bed for weeks and in the absence of any income from work, they are in a pitiable situation. These people require free medical help and all financial support till they are cured of the disease.

The outbreak of fever in the form of an epidemic scale, points to the poor sanitary conditions and public health in the area. I would request the hon. Minister of Health of the Government of India to send an expert team to study the problems and start remedial measures to prevent such outbreaks in future.