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Title: Request to government to develop region specific therapies for snake bite and ensure sufficient availability of drugs in the country for proper treatment.

SHRI P.K. KUNHALIKUTTY (MALAPPURAM): Sir, in our country snake bite incidents has become a problem. In Kerala, one girl student died in the class room itself because of snake bite. So many snake bite incidents are taking place. Around 46,000 people die and 1,40,000 people become disabled every year because of this.

The problem is that we do not have region-specific and species-specific anti-venom. So, I would urge upon the Government to re-visit the manufacturing protocol and develop region-specific therapies for snake bite. It should ensure sufficient availability of drugs in the country so that the people are provided with proper treatment in time and their lives are saved. This is what I want to bring to the notice of the Government.