

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding the issue of Dengue fever in Kolkata.

SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY (KOLKATA UTTAR): Hon. Speaker, Sir, just now, the matter was raised that due to dengue fever, 50,000 people have died. In Kolkata city, the death toll has gone up to 23, as per the report of the hon. Chief Minister. Kolkata is the only State, in India, where the hon. Chief Minister holds the portfolio of the Health Ministry. So, naturally, Health Department gets a major priority. I have been appointed by the Government of India as the Chairman of the National Urban Health Mission for monitoring this situation for the city of Kolkata. I have been appointed by the Government of India and a letter has been issued from the hon. Speaker's Office. So, I would like to say that the House should not be allowed to be confused because Health is a State subject. We are all concerned with the death of the children. We should all see that dengue is eradicated at an early possible time.