

(e) if so, the points of the Constitution being taken in account for the purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K ADVANI) : (a) and (b) It cannot be said that there has been any spurt in militant activities in the North Eastern States. The number of civilians and security personnel killed in North Eastern States during the last six months are given below :

States	Civilians	Security Forces
Assam	119	27
Nagaland	17	12
Manipur	41	57
Mozoram	-	-
Tripura	75	21
Meghalaya	2	2
Arunachal Pradesh	-	1

Details of loss caused to public property are not available.

(c) The steps taken by the Government to check militancy in the North Eastern include, inter alia, deployment of additional units of Central Para Military Forces and Army; improved coordination and sharing of intelligence; modernisation/upgradation of State Police forces; sanction of Special Central Assistance; declaration of the most seriously affected areas as 'disturbed areas' and notification of the major insurgent groups as 'unlawful associations. The situation is also kept under watch and is reviewed from time to time for taking appropriate action.

The North Eastern militant organisations are known to have their bases in neighbouring countries also. Government has taken up the matter with the concerned countries to seek their cooperation in this regard.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

[English]

#### Monkey Fever and Handigodu Disease in Karnataka

1069. SHRI ANANT KUMAR HEGDE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of spread of Monkey Fever (Kyasanur Forest Fever) and Handigodu

disease which are creating havoc in Sagara, Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken for its prevention ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI) : (a) The Government of Karnataka have informed that 372 Handigodu Disease cases have been reported from Sagara in Shimoga District of Karnataka from 1975 to 1977, and that no fresh cases of Monkey fever have been reported since 1997.

(b) The following steps have been taken by the State Government of Karnataka,

#### Against Monkey Fever :

1. Surveillance.
2. Blood Samples collection & Examination
3. Free Supply of Vaccine for prevention and treatment to the patients.
4. The public are being informed and educated about the disease, and also on ways to avoid contact and infection.
5. Health Education, through public meetings, under the auspicious of various local bodies and organisations.
6. Mylol and Hoscut lotions are supplied for forest goars to apply on exposed parts of the skin.

#### Against Handigodu Disease :

A Team of Doctors with Mobile Van, visit the affected Villages, to identify cases for the treatment. Some major problematic patients, are shifted to General Hospital at Sagar for further Treatment.

#### Inclusion of Hepatitis-B Vaccine in Immunisation Programme

1070. SHRI G. GANGA REDDY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether World Health Organisation has recommended that Hepatitis-B vaccine be incorporated in the expanded programme of immunisation in all the countries of the World;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government have included this vaccine in the mass immunisation programme;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;