

Title: Need for effective implementation of National Malaria Eradication Programme in Keonjhar District and other parts of Orissa.

SHRI ANANTA NAYAK (KEONJHAR): Sir, the casualty due to malaria is on the increase in the State of Orissa, in general, and Keonjhar District, in particular. The cases of malaria detected from the State range from 2000 to 3000 every year during the last five years. The National Malaria Eradication Programme launched in the State since Independence has failed to eradicate the dreaded disease, due to which hundreds of people from Keonjhar district are dying untimely every year.

Unless immediate steps are taken to provide adequate treatment to the malaria-affected people, particularly, in the far-flung area of Bhuian Pidha and Gonashika area, many more deaths may take place. The people are facing untimely death at a time when the Government has promised to provide health for all.

I, therefore, demand that special attention may be paid to eradicate malaria and also to provide adequate fund to implement programmes to treat the patients suffering from the dreaded disease without any further delay.