

Title: Need to implement National Malaria Eradication Programme effectively in Keonjhar district of Orissa.

SHRI ANANTA NAYAK (KEONJHAR): Mr. Speaker Sir, it is a matter of great concern that malaria is looming large over rural and urban areas in Keonjhar district in Orissa. The reason for the increasing incidents of malaria is not far to seek. Unhygienic living conditions, bad drainage system and garbage dumped carelessly on roads and residential areas have added to the growth of mosquito population in the region and threat of the disease. The National Malaria Eradication Programme is not being implemented in that district on regular basis and in a systematic manner. A large number of patients are visiting the district hospitals and Primary Health Centres, but adequate treatment facilities are not available.

Unless immediate steps are taken to provide adequate treatment to malaria patients and eradicate the disease, the people will continue to suffer. As such, I demand that efforts be made to implement National Malaria Eradication Programme effectively in Keonjhar district. Health and hygiene awareness campaign should also be launched in that district.