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Title: Reported spread of a death bacterial disease in Delhi and other parts of the country.

SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH (ULUBERIA): Sir, through you, I would like to draw the attention of the House to a very serious problem. A very deadly bacterial disease – a type of bacterial Meningitis broke out in the Capital Territory of Delhi and its neighbouring districts.

It has been reported that this highly infectious, rare kind of Meningitis with high mortality rate has already taken three lives in Delhi. Two deaths have been reported from the Bara Hindu Rao hospital. At least a dozen of patients suffering from this disease are undergoing treatment in that hospital. Patients suffering from this disease are also undergoing treatment in AIIMS and Ganga Ram hospital as well. One more case of death due to this disease has been reported from the Jaiprakash Narain hospital in Delhi.

The symptoms of this disease, as reported, are cough, cold, fever, rashes and low BP and it is contagious in nature. Though the number of affected persons are not very large in number, yet owing to the alarming situation and panic amongst the patients, this should not be allowed to take the shape of an epidemic.

Therefore, I would like to urge upon the Government to take steps to enquire about this disease and find out the reasons for this and how best this could be checked in order that it is not allowed to develop into an epidemic.

MR. SPEAKER: It is a matter, I am sure, the Government would take serious note of it.