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Title : Need to check the spread of jaundice in Tirunelveli and brain fever in Thuthukudi, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI DHANUSKODI R. ATHITHAN (TIRUNELVELI): Sir, Tirunelveli is one of the six Corporations in Tamil Nadu which lies in my Parliamentary constituency with a population of nearly four lakh. Within one week, more than 500 people have been affected by jaundice in the city alone, which killed a pregnant lady on 12th March. People are living in an alarming situation. The people's panic runs high when they know that the Billirubin level rises high which touches even 45 to 50 percentage points in the blood level of the patients which is unusual and abnormal in jaundice.

Likewise, hundreds of people have been dying due to brain fever in Thuthukudi, a municipal city in my Parliamentary constituency. This fever killed Ms. Julie, a 14 year student recently. The hygienic situation is worsening day by day in these two cities. Stagnation of water, mixed with drainage and polluted water, causes these deadly diseases. A worse health disorder is prevailing in these cities which jeopardises the normal life of the people.

Hence, I would request and urge upon the hon. Health Minister to send two special teams to the two cities to investigate and assess the real situation and make an on-the-spot study about the health disorder and the hygienic deterioration in these cities. I would also request the Health Minister to provide necessary advice to the State Government and also provide all necessary help to stop the spread over of these dreaded diseases, jaundice in Tirunelveli and the brain fever in Thuthukudi and save the people from the alarming situation and the health hazards[R78].