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Title: Need for visit by ICMR scientists to Keonjhar district of Orissa to ascertain the reasons for increase in incidents of death due to malaria and to suggest effective measures to eradicate it. \*H

SHRI ANANTA NAYAK (KEONJHAR): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, it is a matter of great concern that a large number of deaths are taking place in my constituency due to malaria every year. According to official report, 38 people died in 2004-05 and 15 in 2005-06, but unofficially, the figure is much more than that. The death toll is increasing every year due to negligence of the Health Department. Chloroquine given to the patients could not produce any effect. According to Malaria Action Programme 1995, the chloroquine became resistance free. As a result of that, the Government planned to prescribe sulphadoxine and artesunate as substitute to chloroquine. But the distribution of these medicines was very slow and inadequate. All the patients in the malaria prone areas could not get these medicines as prescribed by the doctors. The present method of treatment and other measures taken to eradicate malaria could not resolve the problem. Rather more people are suffering and the death toll is increasing.

In view of that, I demand the visit of a Central team of doctors with the scientists of Indian Council of Medical Research to Keonjhar district to study the reasons why the medicines circulated at present are not producing any result and thereafter, some innovative initiatives should be taken to prescribe proper medicine and to save the people of my area from untimely death due to malaria.