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Title: Need to send a Central team of Doctors to Orissa to check the spread of swine-flu in various districts of the State.

SHRI AMARNATH PRADHAN (SAMBALPUR): Mr. Chairman Sir, I would like to bring to your notice that the death toll due to swine flue has gone up to ten in the city hospitals of Burla, Cuttack and Bhubaneswar. The West-Eastern Orissa region is severely affected by the swine flue disease. There is an acute shortage of medicines, mouth masks and other preventive materials in the State. The death toll will go up if timely preventive steps are not taken on war-footing. The medicines, mouth masks and other necessary kits may be provided free of cost to the affected patients.

So, I would request the Union Health Minister to send a Central health team to Orissa immediately to assist the doctors in different hospitals to treat swine flue patients.