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Title: Need to send a central team of medical experts to find out causes of prevalence of sickle cell anaemia disease among tribal people in Wayanad district, Kerala.

SHRI M.I. SHANAVAS (WAYANAD): Wayanad district is one of the most backward districts in the country with a significant tribal inhabitation. The rise in terminal diseases such as sickle cell anaemia amongst tribals in Wayanad district is alarming and affecting tribals at large. Problem of malnutrition among pregnant and lactating women, growing incidence of sickness in children and infant mortality rates are also on the rise here.

I would urge the Central Government to send a team of medical experts to look into the issue immediately and initiate all possible measures under the centrally sponsored health care schemes immediately.