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Title: Need to enquire the incident of eye infection during an eye camp at Balod Development Block in Durg district, Chhattisgarh.

SHRIMATI INGRID MCLEOD (NOMINATED): Mr. Chairman, I would like to draw the kind attention of the august House towards an important issue of an eye camp at Balod Development Block in Durg district of Chhattisgarh reported in the press in the months of October and November, 2011.

An eye camp was organized by the State Health Department for the patients of cataract between 26th and 29th September 2011 at Balod Development Block of Durg district, Chhattisgarh. In this camp the operation was conducted on 327 patients by the doctors of the District Hospital, Durg. As per press reports about 45 patients got eye infection after the operation and lost their eye sight. Similar cases have come to light in Rajnandagaon, Bilaspur and Champa districts of Chhattisgarh.

Due to lack of proper treatment these patients have lost their eye sight. It is a case of abject misery that the persons who have lost their sight will now have to suffer throughout their life due to negligence of the doctors. Apart from poverty and dependence, they will now have to face acute personal difficulties.

Therefore, I request the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare that a high level enquiry be ordered into this incident. Those who are affected should be provided the best treatment and they should be duly compensated. The doctors found guilty in this incident should be punished.