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Title: Need to take measures to control dengue fever in Tirunelveli district, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI S.S. RAMASUBBU (TIRUNELVELI): Mr. Chairman Sir, over the past few months, a kind of dengue fever is spreading fast in my district, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu and the people living there are in constant fear. This disease particularly affects children and old people. It is now spreading fast to other areas and neighbouring districts also. About 1000 people have been affected due to the outbreak of this disease and 16 people have lost their lives. Out of them ten are children and six are aged people.

The reasons attributed for the spread of this disease are lack of quality drinking water and mosquito bites. Hospitals and doctors are struggling hard to control this disease. Besides, lack of medicines, medical assistance and infrastructural facilities further aggravate the situation.

In order to control this disease, adequate quantity of medicines, doctors and nursing facilities, mobile vans should be made available in all the Primary Health Centres and all hospitals in the districts particularly the villages.

Keeping in view the above situation, I humbly urge upon the Union Government to render all necessary assistance to the State of Tamil Nadu and immediately despatch a Central Team of Health Mission to Tirunelveli District of Tamil Nadu to control this peculiar dengue fever on a war-footing.

This is a very serious issue and I want the Government to take immediate action on it.