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Title: Need to take immediate effective measures for eradication of cholera in Kerala particularly in Wayand district.

SHRI M.I. SHANAVAS (WAYANAD): It is a matter of grave concern that diseases like cholera are prevalent in Kerala despite the State Government taking all measures in its capacity. Wayanad, being a tribal and agrarian district where health and sanitation infrastructure is yet to progress to its fullest is often affected by cholera epidemic. More than 37 people have been identified as having symptoms of cholera. Three people died this year and figures for the years 2010-11 and 2011-12 were six and eight respectively. The fatalities are serious as a majority of the deceased are tribals.

Considering the severity of the issue, I would request the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to provide special attention to Wayanad district and assign the services of National Institute of Cholera & Enteric Diseases, specializing in research in the same and to send an expert team for an extensive profiling and submit a report as early as possible. Apart from this, I would also request the Ministry to provide mobile medical units and allot more ASHA workers specifically for tribal settlements.