

**Title:** Need to take measures to check deaths due to malnutrition in tribal belt of Melghat in Amravati District, Maharashtra.-Laid

SHRI R.S. GAVAI (AMRAVATI) : In Melghat a thickly tribal belt in Amravati District, about 3297 deaths occurred because of mainutrition from 1994 to 1997. This year also till the end of June about 122 deaths occurred because of mainutrition. This is because of lack of infrastructure such as communication, tribal villages are not connected with the main road, lack of medicines, lack of medical facilities, drinking water, insufficient health centres, etc., which lead towards death due to malnutrition. Despite of this Government of Maharashtra has not provided sufficient funds either for public basic amenities or for the required infrastructure. Accumulation of all these factors in all likelihood may lead to more deaths because of malnutrition. this is a matter of great concern and I urge upon Government of India to inand see that precautionary measures ought to be taken to avoid further deaths.