

**Demand for comprehensive action plan for effective prevention
and control of Japanese encephalitis in Karnataka and other
parts of the Country**

SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA (Karnataka): Sir, Japanese Encephalitis is a seasonal and epidemic-prone disease spread by mosquitoes. It generally spreads in the rainy season, which is most suitable for mosquito breeding. This dreaded disease takes a heavy toll particularly of the children. This year, Gorakhpur and adjoining areas of Eastern Uttar Pradesh, were in the grip of Japanese Encephalitis where there were 1387 confirmed deaths. This dreaded disease also affects many areas of my home State Karnataka. From the year 2002 to November, 2005, there were 617 cases of Japanese Encephalitis in Karnataka resulting in 36 deaths. During the same period, in 15 States of the country, 11361 cases of Japanese Encephalitis were registered and 3079 deaths were caused. This vector-borne disease spreads a panic in the areas prone to it. It has to be controlled through preventive measures like vaccination, destruction of mosquitoes, laboratories for early detection and proper medical treatment in the disease-prone areas and more so in the tribal and village areas and slums and J J clusters in urban areas.

I, therefore, demand from the Central Government to pay special attention towards eradication of Japanese Encephalitis from every parts of the country, including Karnataka. For this, vaccination should be undertaken in a big way by manufacturing it in the country or by importing it from Japan or elsewhere. For destroying mosquitoes, prescribed pesticides be sprinkled and fogging of effected areas be undertaken frequently. Now, a variety offish, which eats the larva of mosquitoes, be made available for the ponds and such stretches in the villages. Mosquito nets should be provided in the villages and tribal areas. Laboratories be established and medicines be made available to the States. States should be provided adequate funds to develop infrastructure to fight the menace of Japanese Encephalitis. Thank you.

SHRI SILVIUS CONDPAN (Assam): Sir, I associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. P.J. KURIAN): The rest of the Special Mention will be taken up later. Now, we proceed to the statement by the Minister, Mr. Kamal Nath.