

—Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha, Shri Motilal Vora, Shri Husain Dalwai, Shri Majeed Memon, Shri P.L. Punia, Shri R.K. Sinha. They all have given notice. So, I will allow one Member. Others can associate. Shri Binoy Viswam.

### **Outbreak of Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) in Bihar**

SHRI BINOY VISWAM (Kerala): Sir, I believe there is no need to make a big speech about the matter. We all know what has happened in Bihar. The exact number of children who were killed in Bihar is not yet known. They are dying every day. Day and night, they are dying, and the Government is calling that as ‘accidental deaths’. No, Sir, in fact, it should be called as ‘murder’ of the poor children. The children from poor background, the sons and daughters of the poor peasants, the workers, the toilers, are being killed. Till now, official documents say that 130 of them have died; 130; and some reports say, it is 183.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Let us not take the number without official. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Anyhow, it is a big number.

MR. CHAIRMAN: A large number of. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Sir, the Government is saying that they have deployed battalions of doctors in Bihar. What will they do there, Sir? Doctors in big numbers can’t solve the problem. Sir, the hospitals have no medicines, no infrastructure. Nobody takes care of them. Sir, what about the malnutrition? These children, these kids, are dying mainly due to malnutrition. They have no food, no vitamins and no drinking water. Water in these villages is most scarce.\*

MR. CHAIRMAN: That has nothing to do with this. Please. That will not go on record. I will go to the next man.

SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Okay. Sir, the question is that ...

MR. CHAIRMAN: You have to ...

SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Sir, the Central Government and the State Government should urgently intervene in Bihar. The point that ‘doctors in big numbers are deployed’ is not a solution. Their poverty should be addressed. Sir, every year in the country, 24 lakh children are dying due to malnutrition. It is not a small number.

MR. CHAIRMAN: What is your suggestion? Put some suggestion.

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\*Not Recorded.

SHRI BINOY VISWAM: My suggestion is that urgently, there should be measures to improve the health system in the concerned hospitals. Deploying doctors is only one factor. Medicines, infrastructure, volunteers, safe water and food are important. That should be provided immediately. The next important thing is to provide adequate compensation to families of the deceased. That should be done immediately. That is my request, Sir.

श्री हुसैन दलवाई (महाराष्ट्र): महोदय, मैं माननीय सदस्य द्वारा उठाए गए विषय से स्वयं को संबद्ध करता हूँ।

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SHRI P.L. PUNIA (Uttar Pradesh): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI R.K. SINHA (Bihar): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI MAJEED MEMON (Maharashtra): Sir, I too associate myself with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Sir, we too associate ourselves with the matter raised by the hon. Member.

SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Sir, I would like to ... (*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: No debate. ... (*Interruptions*)... In Zero Hour there cannot be any debate. The next speaker is Dr. Vikas Mahatme.

#### **Attack on doctors in West Bengal**

डा. विकास महात्मे (महाराष्ट्र): महोदय, हाल ही में पश्चिम बंगाल में जो doctors के ऊपर हमला हुआ, physical assault हुआ, वह बहुत ही चिंताजनक है, दुर्भाग्यपूर्ण है। इस बात से काफी वेदना होती है कि अभी भी doctors के ऊपर हमला होता है। उससे भी ज्यादा वेदनापूर्ण यह है, painful यह है कि जिस तरीके से situation को handle किया गया, उसमें doctors की बात को सुना तक नहीं गया। ... (*व्यवधान*)...