

Sixteenth Loksabha

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Title: Issue regarding the shortage of Anti-Rabies Vaccine (ARV) in West Bengal.

SHRI KALYAN BANERJEE (SREERAMPUR): Madam, through you, I would like to bring to the kind notice of the Central Government an issue regarding the shortage of Anti-Rabies Vaccine (ARV) in West Bengal, which is a matter of serious concern.

There are two reasons for it. One of the suppliers, namely, the Indian Immunological Limited, which is a Central Public Sector Undertaking under the Ministry of Fertilizer, is failing to supply even a single unit of ARV over the last three months. There is inordinate delay in clearing manufactured consignment of ARV in the Central Drug Laboratory under the Ministry of Health, Government of India at Kasauli, Himachal Pradesh.

Our hon. Chief Minister, Madam Mamata Banerjee, by her letter dated 3 August 2018 has already informed about this shortage to the Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare. Through you, Madam, I would request the hon. Minister to intervene in the matter and sort out the problem immediately as it is extremely urgent now.

HON. SPEAKER:

Dr. Kulmani Samal is permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri Kalyan Banerjee.