

>**Title:** Need to provide financial assistance to Government of Andhra Pradesh to check spread of brain fever (Japanese Encephalitis) in the State.

SHRI Y.S. VIVEKANANDA REDDY (CUDDAPAH): Sir, I would like to draw attention of the Central Government to the fact that in Andhra Pradesh, brain fever (Japanese Encephalitis) epidemic has affected children in more than 300 Mandals and claimed 44 lives up to 10th November, 2000. Brain fever cases had been reported from Anantapur, Kurnool, Cuddapah, Chittoor, Guntur, Prakasam, Nalgonda, Warangal and Mahaboob Nagar Districts.

During the last year, 174 cases and 28 deaths were reported from 15 Districts. This disease has been taking a heavy toll of human lives in the State for the last three to four years. The only medicine required to check this disease is J.E. vaccine which is being manufactured in a vaccine factory at Kasauli in Himachal Pradesh. There is acute shortage of J.E. vaccine since Kasauli is the only factory manufacturing this vaccine in the country, and the number of doses allocated to Andhra Pradesh is not sufficient.

I request the Union Government to procure this vaccine by importing it from Japan and China as the shortage of vaccine has been felt and the present factory at Kasauli is unable to meet the demand. I would request the Union Government to provide financial help and send health experts to the State to examine the causes of this disease which is affecting the State of Andhra Pradesh for the last several years.

16.00 hrs.