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Title: Need to send a team of experts to study the causes of Sun burns in some districts of Kerala.

SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL (ALAPPUZHA): Madam Chairman, I would like to invite the attention of this august House towards the serious difficulties being faced by the people of Kerala due to the rise in temperature. An unusual rise in temperature has been reported in the districts of Palakkad, Alappuzha, Kannur, Trichur and Kottayam. Many people are injured due to sun burns and some of them have been hospitalized also. Most of the educational institutions in that area are not running properly due to this phenomenon. Majority of the daily wage workers are not in a position to work outside. The people of that area are in a state of confusion and fear and normal life has also been disturbed. So, I urge upon the Ministry of Home Affairs, which is looking after the national calamities to send an expert team immediately to the State of Kerala to study this problem and also take immediate measures to save the people.

SHRI A. SAMPATH (ATTINGAL): Madam Chairman, I would like to associate myself with the matter raised by my learned friend Shri K.C. Venugopal. But I would like to add one more thing. The temperature has now risen to more than 43 Degree Celsius which has never ever been experienced in Kerala. The ground water level has also gone down. It is very alarming that about two dozen people have been admitted in various hospitals in different districts and it has been seen that their skins are being peeled off. The people are afraid to go outside their houses after 12 Noon. The State Government has taken all the steps to protect the people and to prevent the people from being panic-stricken.

I would request the Government of India to send an expert team immediately to Kerala to study this problem. This has not only happened in Kerala, but this has happened in Minicoy Island also. So there is no politics involved in it. This is happening as part of the global warming in the coastal areas of the Arabian Sea where we are experiencing such unusually hot temperature now. Hence I would request the hon. Minister concerned to take steps to establish a research institute to study the impact of global warming with its headquarter in Kerala.