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Title: Need to take steps for proper implementation of schemes under National Rural Health Mission in Chhattisgarh.

SHRIMATI INGRID MCLEOD (NOMINATED): I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards the total failure of Mithanins project in Chhattisgarh State due to irregularities and lethargy in implementation. It is a matter of concern that according to newspaper reports, Rs. 50 crores has been wasted on the Mithanins project funded under the National Rural Health Mission from the year 2003 to 2010. There is no positive result. Media reports have revealed that 60,000 Mithanins (health workers) were deployed by the Health department to control Malaria and to train people in matters of Hygiene. The facts that the poor implementation of the scheme has given negative results where Rs. 50 crores is being spent and still the deaths caused by Malaria in the State is in thousands especially in tribal and remote areas. Most of the deaths go unrecorded,.

About 60,000 Mithanins are employed on honorarium basis and supply of health kits are irregular. There is little or no effect for sustained treatment of the Malaria disease and the patients are mainly discharged after a single drug dose. Neither it is binding on the Mithanin workers to report cases of Malaria death after the care provided them. The whole Mithanin project of the State health department under the National Rural Health Mission is doomed unless the Central Government takes suitable action. If the training of the Mithanins is not being monitored by the Government, the situation is not going to improve under this programme. I request the Government of India to investigate into the matter and take suitable action.