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Title: Need to cover Ayurvedic system of treatment under mediclaim policies.

SHRI RAJU SHETTI (HATKANANGLE): Lymphedema Filariasis is one of the common disabling diseases, which affects over 2.5 crore people across 20 States in India particularly coastal States like Maharashtra, Kerala, Bihar and Assam. Gadchiroli district in Maharashtra is a very prominent example. According to WHO, Lymphedema is the 2nd largest leading cause of disability. This disease has no satisfactory treatment in Allopathic system. However, in ayurvedic system which is recognized by Government of India, there is effective treatment for Lymphedema.

It is very disappointing that Mediclaim Insurance Companies are not covering the expenses of treatment incurred under Ayurvedic System. Ayurveda is India's ancient system which is accepted all over the world. Government is promoting it throughout the country.

As ayurvedic system is one of the recognized systems like allopathy, I appeal to Ministry of Health and Govt. of India to give clear guidelines to Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority about inclusion of Ayurvedic treatment in the list of Mediclaim policies.

...(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN: The House stands adjourned to meet tomorrow, the 6th March, 2013 at 11.00 a.m.

12.06 hrs

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock

on Wednesday, March 6, 2013/Phalgun 15, 1934 (Saka).

