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Title: Regarding increase in Swine Flu cases in India.

*SHRI P.R.SUNDARAM (NAMAKKAL): Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir. Vanakkam. Swine flu, an infectious disease caused by H1N1 influenza virus has been spreading throughout the country. States like Telangana, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Haryana and National Capital Delhi are very much affected due to swine flu. In Delhi, as on 22 February 2015, as many as 2,060 persons were affected because of this disease. Up to 22 February 2015 swine flu has taken a death toll of 774 persons in the country. While making a comparison with the past four years, the death toll during this year is very high. The number of deaths rose due to lacking awareness, inadequate testing labs and medical facilities to tackle swine flu. I therefore urge upon the Union government to take up all necessary measures on war-footing basis. There should be a nationwide campaign on precautionary measures and how to prevent the spread of swine flu. In accordance to the verdict of Hon'ble High Court of Allahabad, N95 masks should be made available free of cost to the people of our country. Tamil Nadu government under the able guidance of Hon'ble *Puratchithalaivi* Amma has taken all precautionary measures to tackle this menace. Adequate vaccines and medicines to treat swine flu are available in all the Government Hospitals in Tamil Nadu. A 24x7 helpline facility has been made operational. Awareness programmes are organised under the chairmanship of district collectors in every district in Tamil Nadu. Following the footsteps of Tamil Nadu, the Union government should ensure that all other States of the country meticulously implement such preventive measures to control the spread of swine flu. Thank you.