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Title: Need to tackle Diphtheria in Kerala.

SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN(VADAKARA):The return of the once dreaded disease Diphtheria which was believed to have been eradicated has caused panic and concern in Malappuram district in Kerala following the death of 27 persons. Lack of vaccination awareness appears to be main reason for this. The spread of this disease must be contained at all cost. Today, Kerala is reeling under various types of fevers during the monsoon. I urge upon the Government to ensure central support for immunisation and for a programme to enhance the awareness among the people on the need for immunisation. There is acute shortage of vaccine for Diphtheria. There is a need to ensure sufficient supply of the vaccine.