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Title: Regarding setting up of a unit of National Virology Institute in Kerala.

SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN (VADAKARA): Kozhikode district in Kerala recently witnessed the outbreak of a rare and fatal Nipah viral fever. Just when Nipah has been successfully brought under control, Kozhikode has had a case of Kala Azar or Leishmaniosis, another dangerous viral fever. Now, that monsoon is in full swing the spread of the disease needs to be arrested on war footing. The Medical fraternity has set an exemplary record in identifying and containing Nipah. After every Monsoon Kerala is experiencing various kinds of fevers like Chikungunya, Dengue, Malaria etc. In order to diagnose the varied fevers, the Union Government may please set up a Unit of National Virology Institute under the Ministry of Health and Welfare in Kerala. I urge upon the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to extend all support to the State of Kerala to deal with the situation caused by recurring fevers.