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Enclosed is the news item appearing in the 'Statesman' an English daily dated 29. 05. 2018, captioned " ' Tarantulas' Scare S Dinajpur villagers'"

Superintendent, Egra Super-specialty Hospital is directed to ~~enquire into the matter and to~~ furnish a report by 10th July, 2018.

(Justice Girish Chandra Gupta)
Chairperson

'Tarantulas' scare S Dinajpur villagers

BALURGHAT, 28 MAY

Suspected Tarantulas have been spotted at Indranarayanpur pally in Gangarampur and Raghunathpur area in Balurghat on Sunday night.

In both the cases, people informed the forest department, while forest officials reached Indranarayanpur on Monday afternoon and collected the spider. Panic has spread among residents after the death of a train passenger in Medinipur due to suspected Tarantula bite.

Sadhan Chowdhury first noticed the insect at his gate on Sunday night and captured it in a jar and informed the forest department. At Raghunathpur, one Rupak Majumdar also saw a spider in his bathroom and killed it. He has, however, preserved the dead spider in a jar.

"Tarantula is a rare species and it can be found everywhere. People need not panic on this. Every spider is not harmful. If anybody spots any spider, do not tease it. They should try to capture it and inform the forest department," Md Abdul Rejjak, the ranger of the Balurghat forest division, said.

It may be mentioned here that Pintu Sahoo, 38, a resident of Chatri village in Purba Medinipur district, died after a suspected Tarantula bit him on the Kanyakumari Express bound from Chennai to Howrah on the night of 21 May.

Reports said that Sahoo died in the Egra Super-specialty hospital, where doctors suspected that the cause of death was due to spider venom.

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