

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Demand to expedite the set up of medical colleges in Andhra Pradesh.

**SHRI M.V.V. SATYANARAYANA (VISAKHAPATNAM):** Hon. Chairperson, Sir, thank you very much for giving me this opportunity.

The Government of Andhra Pradesh through its 'Nadu Nedu' Programme, meaning 'then and now', has tried to strengthen the public health facilities, including the existing medical colleges in the State. However, after the bifurcation of the State, the absence of large metropolitan cities in Andhra Pradesh has made it difficult for the private sector to set up super-specialty healthcare services.

In order to fill this gap, the Government of Andhra Pradesh has proposed to establish one medical college in each and every parliamentary constituency where there is none, in the public sector, to increase the human resource and accessibility to tertiary health care for the people.

For this purpose, it has been decided to develop 16 medical colleges cumulatively costing Rs. 8000 crore. At present, the State has only 14 Government Medical Colleges over 25 Parliamentary constituencies, which is less in comparison to other large States like Tamil Nadu or Rajasthan.

While the sanction for three colleges has already been granted, I urge upon the Government through this august House to expedite the approval and financial support, for the remaining 13 Government medical colleges to be developed in Andhra Pradesh.

Thank you very much Sir.