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Title: Regarding setting up of AIIMS like Institute at Kozhikode, Kerala -laid.

**SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN (KOZHIKODE):** The Government has decided to establish AIIMS like institutes across the country. The Government has also approved setting up of about 7 AIIMS like institutes in various states. However, Kerala has not been included in this list.

There is a huge demand for setting up the AIIMS like institute in the state. Proposals were under consideration to establish the same in Kozhikode which covers over 7 districts in various administrative matters of the Malabar region of the state.

Sufficient Government land at Kinaloor is also available. Setting up this institute at Kozhikode will have far reaching advantage in the Malabar region which has reported one of the largest number of cancer patients in state and various other diseases including the recurring endosalphan victims. It is, therefore, urged that this may be included in the budget proposal of proposed AIIMS like institute for Kerala at Kozhikode.