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Title: Need to set up a medical college in Bhadrak Parliamentary Constituency.

SHRIMATI MANJULATA MANDAL (BHADRAK): Hon. Speaker, Sir, I am very much thankful to you for giving me an opportunity to speak in this august House.

My constituency is Bhadrak which is a coastal part of the State of Odisha, health and infrastructure facilities available right now are not adequate to cater to the bare minimum needs of the common people. Many of the important branches like cardiology, gastroenterology, oncology, urology etc. are not available in the present District Headquarter Hospital.

Moreover, it is pertinent to mention that, this Headquarter is the confluence of four adjoining districts due to which thousands of patients pour in daily for regular and emergency treatments. Common men have to travel a distance of more than 120 kilometres for getting a better treatment.

The demand of the people has been expressed time and again by several agitations, *dharnas*, holding of rallies, *bandhs* by people from civil societies, Lawyers' Association, senior citizens, all political parties and social outfits.

Though land is available in the District Headquarter for setting up a Medical College, no step is taken yet.

Through you, Sir, I would like to request the hon. Minister of Health to set up a Medical College of at least 100 beds along with good medical facilities and adequate infrastructure to cater to the needs of the general public.

Thank you, Sir.

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