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Title : Regarding establishment of a medical college in Dhenkanal District, Odisha

SHRI MAHESH SAHOO (DHENKANAL): Mr. Chairman, Sir, the Union Government had announced more than one hundred aspirational districts across the Country.

This special status has been given for the overall development of the districts. Dhenkanal district in Odisha which belongs to my Lok Sabha Constituency is one of them.

During the first term of the present government, hon. Prime Minister announced that in pursuit of the Government to provide better healthcare. It had been decided that each aspirational district across the country will get one medical college.

After the announcement by the Prime Minister, in September 2018, the then Minister of State for Health had also announced that a medical college would be established in Dhenkanal within a short time. Several years have passed by but there is no progress.

The aspiration of the people of the district is high on the medical college. Quality and affordable healthcare is what we need the most today.

Therefore, I urge upon the hon. Minister of Health and Family Welfare to specify the reason for the delay in establishing the medical college and demand establishment of the hospital at the earliest. The people of Dhenkanal are waiting to see their aspiration fulfilled.