

**Regarding expansion of medical facilities in ESIC Hospital in Tirunelveli
Parliamentary Constituency-laid**

SHRI S. GNANATHIRAVIAM (TIRUNELVELI): The ESIC hospital in my constituency at Tirunelveli is functioning since 2012 and serving for about one lakh ninety-three thousand patients. Daily around one thousand patients are receiving medical benefits as outpatients in this hospital. In the past two years, more than 200 major surgeries were also performed by the doctors successfully in this hospital. Daily, more than 100 patients are being admitted and treated as inpatients. Due to insufficient space and infrastructure, the patients are being admitted and treated in the corridors of the hospital. So, it is very essential to upgrade and expand the existing 100 bedded hospital into a minimum 250 bedded hospital. The Government must consider the request of the ESIC beneficiaries and expand the ESIC hospital and to make available with departments like Medical Oncology, Neurology, Gastroenterology, Rheumatology, Urology and Plastic Surgery etc.