

Regarding need to make AIIMS Bhubaneswar fully functional and construct an airstrip in Mayurbhanj-laid

SHRI PRATAP CHANDRA SARANGI (BALASORE): It's very unfortunate that the satellite centre of AIIMS Bhubaneswar which was constructed many years ago, is still not fully functional. OPD is functional only for 2 days in a week. Patients in large numbers, from Northern part of Odisha and West Bengal regularly come to this hospital for treatment.

Despite the availability of adequate infrastructure, full-fledged patient care is still not available, which is a matter of concern. The condition of the building is deteriorating, due to absence of proper maintenance and support staff. Posts of Doctors and ancillary staff are lying vacant for years together leading to public discontent. Bhubaneswar AIIMS can conduct classes in an extended training centre here in the interest of the public. Will the Hon'ble minister kindly consider?

Baleswar district is well connected by roads and railway network and is located within close proximity with both the state capitals. The abandoned Airstrip at Rasgovindpur of Mayurbhanj district may be made functional soon. I have met the concerned minister and have written to him many times regarding this matter. This will fulfill the long pending demands of people of Northern Odisha and will justify the huge expenditure already incurred. I request the Government to fill all the vacant posts and make this functional soon.