

**Regarding need for expansion of ESIC Hospital at Ezhukone in Kollam district of Kerala with Ayurveda in-patient and OPD facilities-Laid**

**SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH (MAVELIKKARA):** The ESIC Hospital at Ezhukone in Kollam district of Kerala is an important healthcare delivery institution that serves the common man including the labourers effectively and with dedication. I would like to vouch for the expansion of its present treatment portfolio by means of establishing a full-fledged Ayurveda treatment system and further an Ayurvedic hospital as there is sufficient infrastructure and ample scope for such expansion. Since the Ayurveda stream of treatment is given a major push and fillip by the Government of India, it is only natural that the ESIC too shall explore incorporation of Ayurveda treatment and provide the same for the benefit of the common man. I would request the government self to kindly consider this proposal and be pleased to expand the ESIC Hospital Ezhukone with either an Ayurveda in-patient and OPD facilities and further establish an Ayurvedic Hospital as it would be a milestone for ESIC extending benefit to the patients who are mostly cashew workers, daily wage labourers and other working-class people altogether.