

## **Regarding need to set up an institute like AIIMS at Kasargod in Kerala-Laid**

**SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN (KASARAGOD):** For the last 10 years people of Kasargod raising their voice in all platforms demanding that All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) should come up in Kasargod, as the proposal for School of Medicine under Central University Kerala (CUK) was shelved. AIIMS is the only health institution capable of conducting research and studies beyond the health backwardness of Kasargod to find the root causes of endosulfan poisoning. The Government has an obligation to put an end to endosulfan misery, which can affect generations at least. It is the responsibility of the State and Central Governments to fulfill it. AIIMS is needed for this backward district where 14 lakh people reside and 86 lakh people live around the so-called backward district. AIIMS is an essential for Kasargod district more than any other district, considering the state of healthcare facilities available. There is huge barren and unutilised land in Kasargod and the place currently identified by Government of Kerala in Kozhikode seems to be sufficient to build up a biggest medical organisation like AIIMS. Considering these factors, it's the need of the hour to establish a health institute like AIIMS in Kasargod, Kerala.