

Regarding setting up of AIIMS at Kozhikode and allocation of more funds under the National Health Mission to Kerala-Laid

SHRI M. K. RAGHAVAN (KOZHIKODE) : I wish to point out the issue concerning the people of Kozhikode and Kerala regarding setting up of All India Institute of Medical Sciences . As we are aware, right to health is seen as an intrinsic part of our fundamental right. The people of Malabar region in Kerala are deprived of the health care sector. As a result of lack of good quality health institutions, people are forced to go to tertiary health care institutions at Mangalore or Trivandrum in public sector for access to good quality healthcare. Kinalur in my constituency Kozhikode has been identified for setting up of AIIMS. The land acquisition process has been completed. Kinalur is an easily accessible location for the whole of Kerala. Considering all these factors we request the Government of India to expedite the process of setting up of AIIMS at Kozhikode. I also humbly request to allocate more funds under the National Health Mission for Kerala to strengthen the state health care system. At least 5 percent of the GDP of the country has to be allocated for healthcare.