

Regarding need to establish a district hospital along with a critical care block under Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission in Konaseema, Andhra Pradesh- Laid

SHRI G. M. HARISH BALAYOGI (AMALAPURAM): Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Konaseema District faces critical gaps in essential healthcare infrastructure, exposing its rural and disaster-prone population to serious risks. The absence of a District Hospital has left the district without any secondary healthcare facilities, compelling patients to depend on neighbouring districts during medical emergencies. The district is also devoid of trauma and poly-trauma centres and a Critical Care Block. This structural vacuum severely undermines the timely management of accident and critical cases. Several Primary Health Centres remain in a state of disrepair. Furthermore, only nine Community Health Centres cater to a population exceeding 17 lakh, highlighting a serious mismatch between population size and available infrastructure. Maternal and neonatal healthcare services remain overburdened due to the absence of Special Newborn Care Units. Although a Day Care Cancer Centre has been approved, construction is yet to commence, leaving cancer patients without local access to essential oncology care. In view of these deficiencies, it is imperative that the Ministry take expeditious measures to establish a District Hospital in Konaseema, sanction a Critical Care Block under PM ABHIM, operationalise the sanctioned Day Care Cancer Centre, and bridge the remaining infrastructural gaps.