

Title: Need to set up an All India Institute of Medical Sciences at Madurai, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI P. MOHAN (MADURAI): All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) is a pioneering medical research institution in the country in the National Capital and there is a need to have some more similar institutes in other countries. Even after 57 years of independence, we do not have a well-equipped Research and Referral hospital in Tamil Nadu which has a well-established health care network.

It would be better if a medical sciences and research institute is set up by the Centre in Tamil Nadu. Madurai city is centrally located to all the southern districts and the Government hospitals and private hospitals in the region have to refer their patients to various hospitals in Chennai, Mumbai and Hyderabad. Since Madurai is the second biggest city in Tamil Nadu and has got 150 years old Erskine hospital now called Government Rajaji Hospital. With a well-knit health-conscious society more open to allopathic medical system, Madurai would be an appropriate place to establish a Research Referral hospital like AIIMS that would benefit not only the residents of Tamil Nadu but also people from Southern States. Hence I urge upon the Union Government and Union Health Ministry in particular to set up Medical Sciences and Research institute at Madurai in Tamil Nadu.