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Title: Need to set up a Central Government run hospital in Madurai, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI P. MOHAN (MADURAI): Madurai city is geographically located in the middle of Tamil Nadu. The business and other activities around southern part of Tamil Nadu take place in Madurai. The recently inaugurated High Court Bench in this town also attracts thousands of people. The city is also known as Temple city. Tourists from all over India and international tourists select this city as base for both religious tours, namely, Rameshwaram, Kanyakumari, Srirangam as well as for entertainment tours, namely, Kodaikanal, Thekkadi etc. The steady rise in tourist inflow in the city has posed health problems. There is one State Government Hospital and very few private hospitals in this city. These hospitals are not sufficient to cater to the need of southern part of Tamil Nadu. The condition in Government hospital is pathetic and proper medical facilities are not available in this hospital. The rise of dreaded diseases like HIV, Cancer and Diabetes in and around this area is not possible to be controlled by State Government hospital. There are many Central government employees who do not get proper medical facilities. Besides, there is no Central hospital in Tamil Nadu except JIPMER in Pondicherry. Hence, there is an urgent need for setting up a Central Government Hospital in Madurai which is of the standard of All India Institute of Medical Sciences.

I urge upon the Union Government to initiate suitable action in this regard.