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Title: Need to fill-up the vacant posts of Doctors & Medical Attendants in Hospital for beedi workers in Mukkoodal in Tirunelveli district, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI M. APPADURAI (TENKASI): Under the aegis of Beedi Workers Welfare Board, an hospital has been constructed in Mukkoodal in Tirunelveli District. This hospital with 30 beds is expected to attend to the needs of about 5 lakhs of Beedi workers. Five posts of Doctors, eight posts of Nurses and two posts of Junior Assistants are lying vacant and there are only two Doctors and Nurses now. Everyday, the OPD receives about 400 patients. Due to this in-patients are not admitted for want of Doctors and Medical Attendants even when there are thirty beds for in-patients. The purpose of constructing this hospital has not been fulfilled as the posts of Doctors and Nurses are lying vacant for more than three years. Hence, I urge upon the Union Health Ministry to take appropriate action. The recommended demand from this hospital for the sanction of Rs.40 lakhs to purchase medicines also lie unattended. I would like to impress upon the Union Labour Welfare Ministry calling for positive intervention. The Housing Scheme for the Beedi workers with financial assistance from both the Central and the State Governments will have to take shape as yet. The Beedi workers' children are not getting properly the allowance to pursue education. I urge upon the Union Government to intervene positively.