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Title: Need to open a polyclinic at Vizianagaram district in Andhra Pradesh under Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme.

SHRIMATI BOTCHA JHANSI LAKSHMI (VIZIANAGARAM): Ex-service men have strived hard, day and night, for protecting our country. A scheme known as "Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme" has been introduced for the benefit of the ex-servicemen. In the year 2003, as a part of this health scheme, 227 Polyclinics have been set up by the Union Government in the areas where there is a minimum of 2500 ex-servicemen population.

But, such polyclinics were not established in Vizianagaram and Srikakulam districts, which fall under my Parliamentary Constituency. Therefore, ex-servicemen in these districts were forced to go to nearby Visakhapatnam for medical aid. In Vizianagaram district, there are about 3000 ex-servicemen and in the neighbouring district of Srikakulam there are 5000 ex-servicemen. The ex-servicemen and their aging widows are facing difficulties and inconveniences in going around the Government hospitals for health care.

In the polyclinics run by defence wings, there are facilities like X-ray unit, E.C.G., Ultra sound scan, Lab Auto-Analyzer, Dental equipment, Physiotherapy unit etc.

Since ex-servicemen in a large number are living in Vizianagaram and Srikakulam districts, there is an urgent need to sanction a polyclinic at Vizianagaram, which covers four Parliamentary Constituencies for the benefit of the ex-servicemen and their families who need immediate medical aid in their advanced age.

I request the Government to start a polyclinic under E.C.H.S, immediately at Vizianagaram for ex-servicemen.