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Title: Need to provide adequate doctors at Primary Health Centres (PHCs) under National Rural Health Mission and set up more PHCs with adequate infrastructure and medical facilities in the country particularly in Karimnagar Parliamentary Constituency, Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI PONNAM PRABHAKAR (KARIMNAGAR): I would like to draw the kind attention of the august House regarding the need to set up more medical colleges by relaxing the existing rules to match the doctor-patient ratio to run the Primary Health Centres (PHCs) smoothly under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) all over the country particularly in my Karimnagar Parliamentary Constituency, Andhra Pradesh.

I would like to bring to your kind notice that in my Karimnagar Parliamentary Constituency, the PHCs are not catering to the needs of the patients properly due to the shortage of doctors, para medical staff adding and medical equipments. In the rural areas, people hail from the agricultural background who are very poor and they visit PHCs for the treatment of their family members. During my recent survey in my constituency, it is observed that in some PHCs, there are no doctors to treat the patients. Doctors are preferring urban areas and foreign settlements. Due to such prevailing situation, the very purpose of setting up of NRHM is defeated. With this, people are forced to approach private hospitals where they cannot afford such huge medical expenses.

I, therefore, request the Hon'ble minister for Health and Family Welfare to kindly sanction and set up more medical colleges by relaxing the existing rules to increase the doctor's ratio in the country and also request to fill-up all the posts in PHCs and by setting up more and more PHCs in rural areas with adequate infrastructure all over the country, particularly in my Karimnagar Parliamentary Constituency in Andhra Pradesh in the coming 12th Five Year Plan period with some action plan.