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Title: Need to sanction a new ESI Hospital at Piduguralla town in Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI RAYAPATI SAMBASIVA RAO (NARASARAOPET): Consequent upon the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh State, residuary Andhra Pradesh is left with a few facilities in Education, Health, Industry and many other fields. The new NDA Government has promised to build the residuary Andhra Pradesh anew with all facilities in the core areas.

In this connection, I would like to inform you that Piduguralla is a town and municipality in Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh. It is famous for its white cement, limestone and cement industries. It is endowed with rich minerals. It has around 45 rice mills (parboiled rice and raw rice), 55 white cement factories, 6 roller mills and 25 poultry farms and grit (limestone) manufacturing units. This place is one of the most industrialized towns in Guntur district. It has around 300 limestone kilns, lime hydrating mills, a lot of cotton mills and paint industries. Some 2-5 fly ash brick industries are there. There are nearly 15 HDPE/PP woven sack stitching companies which supply rice bags to most of the rice mills. Besides, there are a lot of timber depots.

Piduguralla is the city supplying white lime to the entire Andhra Pradesh. The main profession of the people is exporting limestone and white cement. There are several industries like timber depots, hollow brick industries, agro-based industries, cereals and rice and groundnut oil.

Further, towns like Dachepalli, Nadikudi, Gurajala which are famous for cement industries, are located near Piduguralla town. All the industries located in these areas are labour-oriented; and there are two lakh labourers. It is needless to say that they are eking out their livelihood from these industries. But unfortunately they have no access to health and medical aids. In view of the above, I request the Government to kindly sanction a new ESI Hospital at Piduguralla town to meet the health needs of the labourers in that area.