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Title: Need to take urgent steps to start the ESI Medical College at Parippally in Kollam, Kerala.

SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN (KOLLAM): Sir, ESI Corporation invested about Rs. 500 crore for infrastructure development of ESI Medical College at Parippally in Kollam, Kerala. MCI conducted inspection for the academic year 2014-15 and found certain deficiencies. The deficiencies are the non-appointment of teaching and non-teaching staff and infrastructure development of departments essential for 1<sup>st</sup> year MBBS course as per norms. November-December is the time for inspection by MCI for 2015-16. No effective steps have been taken by the ESI Corporation to rectify the deficiencies. If the deficiencies are not rectified before the inspection of MCI, the admission during the next academic year is also not possible. There will be delay in availing of the opportunity by ESI beneficiaries in terms of better treatment and medical education of their children. The huge amount spent on this will not serve any purpose.

Hence, I would urge upon the Government to initiate urgent action to rectify the defects and start the ESI Medical College at Parippally in Kollam, Kerala immediately.