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Title: Need to set up ESI hospital in Udupi and Chikmagaluru districts of Karnataka.

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KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE (UDUPI CHIKMAGALUR): Udupi and Chikmagaluru districts have different geographical features and here labourers /others are engaged in both organized and unorganized sectors.

In Udupi district, people are engaged in the field of cashew nut factories, fishing, beedi-rolling, agriculture and manufacturing. Large number of people are engaged in small scale industries including fishing and its products, production of tiles, ship building industry in Malpe, Udupi , etc.

In Chikmagaluru district, Agriculture is economic back-bone of the district with coffee, tea, Arecanut, coconut cultivation being the major part of it.

Chikmagaluru district credited with the "origin of coffee" in India, has large number of labour working in coffee estates and also in tea estates of the district.

The workers in both the districts are not provided with good medical facilities. Through you madam, I request the Ministry of Labour & Employment to sanction an ESI hospital for Udupi and Chikmagaluru districts in Karnataka.