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title: Need to review the decision to close down medical colleges run by Employees' State Insurance Corporation in Tamil Nadu.

DR. P. VENUGOPAL (TIRUVALLUR): The proposed move of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) to withdraw from the medical college projects undertaken by it covers two such projects at Chennai and Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu. Of the ESIC's two Medical College projects in Tamil Nadu, the project in Chennai at K.K. Nagar is a functioning Medical College since 2013-14, with an undergraduate intake of 100 each year and also has 38 postgraduate students on rolls during the current academic year (2014-15). The other project is a proposed Medical College at Coimbatore under construction which is yet to get MCI approval. The sudden and drastic decision of ESIC not to further admit students and to exit from medical education has come as a rude shock to the students studying in the college. This has fuelled anxiety and agitation amongst the students studying in them. With a view to resolving the uncertainty and ensuring that they are not abandoned midway and to allay the fear amongst the students, I request the Ministers concerned to intervene in the matter.