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Title: Need to set up an ESI Hospital in Koppal, Karnataka.

SHRI KARADI SANGANNA AMARAPPA (KOPPAL): Madam, I would like to draw your attention that Koppal district is having a number of industries like steel, rice, granite, handloom, etc. In all these industries, nearly more than 30,000 labourers are working. These labourers are not able to avail of the medical facilities. Now, the Government of India is ready to sanction an ESI hospital to Koppal district. I came to know that out of 30,000 labourers, only 8,000 employees are registered and insured for getting treatment in the Government-run Corporation. So, it is very essential for us to make the remaining 22,000 employees to get insurance for getting treatment in the Government-run Corporation.

Madam, further I would like to bring to your kind notice that in Gangavathi, Kusthagi and Yelburga taluks this scheme is not being implemented. In these three taluks and also in the Koppal area where it is implemented, we have theatres, shops, colleges, hotels and industries in which more than 10 people are working in each unit and they earn less than Rs.15,000 per month. Due to their less income they are unable to afford treatment in such big hospitals.

Madam, hence I request you to issue direction to the concerned authorities to start a survey to implement it in the uncovered areas so that the beneficiaries get registered and insured within next three months. I hope you will join hands in the endeavour to establish the ESI hospital at the earliest in Koppal district and oblige. Thank you, Madam.