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Title: Need to establish AIIMS-like institutions in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI P. KUMAR (TIRUCHIRAPPALLI): Sir, recently the Centre has announced its decision to set up new AIIMS in each and every State in the country in a phased manner.

In this connection, the hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has received a letter from the Union Minister of Health requesting the State Government to identify new locations for establishing AIIMS like hospitals in the State of Tamil Nadu. The State Government of Tamil Nadu has already identified the required extent of land at Chengalpattu in Kancheepuram District, Pudukkottai town in my parliamentary constituency, Sengipatti in Thanjavur District, Perundurai in Erode District and Thoppur in Madurai District where land with suitable road connectivity is already in the possession of the State Government and its agencies. Sufficient water and electricity are also available at all five places. They also have an excellent rail and air connectivity.

Establishing AIIMS-like institutions in Tamil Nadu would substantially augment the facilities in the State for providing quality medical education and also make available high-end tertiary level health care in the public sector to benefit the poor and middle classes.

Tamil Nadu has a proud record of speedy implementation of such projects. The hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has written to the hon. Prime Minister on 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2014 to include Tamil Nadu in the list of States in which AIIMS-like institutions would be set up during the current financial year itself. Since Tamil Nadu was excluded in the first batch of six AIIMS-like institutions which was set up in 2012-13, I appeal to the Central Government to establish AIIMS-like institutions in Tamil Nadu during the current financial year itself.