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Title:Need to start the work of constructing medical college and hospital in Bhubaneswar.

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK): Sir, this is an important issue and I am really gratified that the hon. Minister of Labour is also present here. I need his attention.

During the last UPA Government's tenure, five medical colleges and hospitals were supposed to be established by the Labour Ministry and they were to be called as the ESI Medical College and Hospitals. Already four medical colleges have been established – in Gulbarga, Patna, Jodhpur and the fourth in some other place. Bhubaneswar was also selected and the Labour Minister had gone to Bhubaneswar to lay the foundation stone. The hon. Member of Parliament, Dr. Patasani, who is still representing that constituency, was present and the Labour Minister was also present.

But recently, it has come to our notice that not much fund is now flowing there. Though the boundary wall has been constructed and the land has been alienated in favour of ESI, but the medical college has not yet started. We have an apprehension. My request to the NDA Government and the hon. Minister is that he should intervene in the matter and see that this medical college comes up. Lakhs of workers who are called IPs, those who are registered workers are living in and around Bhubaneswar can take the benefit as also their families.

I request the hon. Minister to put a word so that it comes up. If he can intervene now, we will be happy.

SHRI PRASANNA KUMAR PATASANI : I would like to draw your attention. It is in my constituency. I would like to associate with the matter.

HON. CHAIRPERSON: You can associate.