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Title: Regarding transfer of defence land for expansion of District Hospital in Kannur, Kerala.

SHRIMATI P.K. SHREEMATHI TEACHER (KANNUR): Madam Speaker, District hospital of Kannur is the most important health institution in my constituency. It was established about 95 years back by the British Government. For the last nine decades, this 500 hundred bed hospital is serving lakhs of common people every year. It is situated in Kannur Cantonment area which is adjacent to DSC.

I am not describing it in detail. The hospital is facing the challenge of dearth of space. When I was the Minister for Health and Family Welfare in Kerala during the UPA time, I requested them to give enough land for the hospital. When I became a Member of Parliament in that constituency, I once again requested the hon. Defence Minister. The hospital management especially the district panchayat and the health department also requested the Central Government to allocate land. There is enough land adjacent to that hospital. I request the hon. Defence Minister Nirmala Ji to sanction the land for this Government hospital. Lakhs of common people are coming to this hospital. It is working as a mini-medical college. All the facilities are there. I humbly request the Government and the hon. Minister to allocate enough land from this cantonment area.

HON. SPEAKER: Dr. P.K. Biju, Adv. Joice George and Shri M.B. Rajesh are permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shrimati P.K. Shreemathi Teacher.

