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Title: Request to reconsider the decision of not selecting Hyderabad as IPL venue.

DR. G. RANJITH REDDY (CHEVELLA): Sir, the recent shortlisting of venues for the IPL has come as a huge shock to Hyderabad because the IPL authorities have dropped Hyderabad as a venue. We really do not have any objection when other venues are selected. If you look at the cities selected, elections are due to take place in Kolkata and Chennai, and the number of COVID-19 cases is rising in Delhi and Mumbai which is alarming. The reason IPL authorities gave for not selecting Hyderabad was the cases of COVID-19 pandemic. It is really pathetic, Sir.

Secondly, Hyderabad has been selected as the best playing ground continuously for the fourth time. Thirdly, it is the IPL which conducts the cricket matches and not the global cricket authorities. It is a huge revenue loss, Sir. On behalf of Government of India, we assure full cooperation and support to BCCI and IPL authorities in conducting the matches there. We request the IPL authorities to reconsider their decision and we assure that Hyderabad will definitely become the safest venue. Thank you, Sir.