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Title: Request to sanction 13 Medical colleges in Andhra Pradesh.

**KUMARI GODDETI MADHAVI (ARAKU):** Thank you, Chairman Sir.

As the recent pandemic has taught us the value of healthcare in the governance, there is a need for the Union Government to support Andhra Pradesh in the establishment of 13 medical colleges that will help the State to comply with the World Health Organization healthcare standards and equalize the ratio between parliamentary constituencies and the Government medical colleges within a State like Tamil Nadu.

Post bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh and with the absence of special category status, private investments in healthcare sector is not forthcoming. The Andhra Pradesh Government under the visionary leadership of Shri YS Jagan Mohan Reddy Garu has been doing everything possible to revolutionize the healthcare sector in the State.

I request, through you, Chairman Sir, the Central Government to sanction 13 Government medical colleges to Andhra Pradesh and support the State Government in providing healthcare facilities to our State of Andhra Pradesh.

Thank you, Sir.