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Title: Request the Central Government to sanction money to update the VRD Laboratory in Trichur Government Medical College, Kerala.

SHRI T. N. PRATHAPAN (THRISSUR): Thank you, hon. Speaker Sir, for giving me this opportunity.

Sir, Kerala is a regular epidemic-hit State in the country. Kerala had faced Nipah Virus last year, and in this Coronavirus spread, Kerala is having the most number of cases in India. People from Kerala have migrated to different parts of the world. Their transactions with various countries through jobs, commerce, and education is also regular.

Considering its location in a tropical region which has more chances of such epidemics, Kerala should have permanent preventive measures. So, I request the Central Government to provide sanction of money through ICMR to upgrade the VRD Laboratory in Trichur Government Medical College to a Regional Centre. I also request the Government to set up a Multi-Disciplinary Research Unit in this Medical College.