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SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN (KASARAGOD): I would like to invite the kind attention of the Government of India towards the sorry plight of the Pharm.D (Doctor of Pharmacy) graduates in India. The Course demands study for six-seven years with exorbitant fees. But after its completion, Pharm.D graduates have no job in the Government sector. This course was introduced in 2008 by Pharmacy Council of India (PCI). But the Government did not create a cadre for the post of 'Clinical Pharmacist'. They look for job opportunities in the private sector where they are offered starting salaries of mere Rs.15,000-16000 and they have to compete with the B.Pharm or M.Pharm graduates. There are 233 colleges approved by the PCI to run the Pharm.D programme. They have produced an overall of 20,000 graduates, and approximately 9,000 are graduating each year.

So necessary steps should be taken to create the post of Clinical Pharmacist for Pharm.D graduates in Government sector immediately.