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Title: Need to increase the allocation under National Health Mission to improve the pathetic condition of healthcare system in Wayanad, Kerala.

**ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE (IDUKKI):** Sir, some shocking incidents happened in Kerala last week. I convey my condolences on the sad demise of Wayanad school girl, Shehala Shireen, who died of a snake bite in her classroom. Unfortunately, she could not get good healthcare service from the local hospital. There was another incident of a poor man's dead body being carried in an open truck because of non-availability of ambulance services. It shows the pathetic condition of our healthcare system.

Sir, both Wayanad and Idukki have almost same geographical conditions. They are covered by hills. There exists a sizeable population of backward classes and tribal people. Most of them are workers and labourers. They cannot afford the services of a private hospital. The technical and financial support provided by the National Health Mission is inevitable for the development of our healthcare systems. The main aim of the National Health Mission is to provide equitable, affordable and good quality healthcare service to all. In my constituency, the diagnosis facility is very much limited, the ratio of doctor to beds is very much lower than that any other area and maternal mortality is very high. The increase in allocation of funds under the National Health Mission to Kerala is very much essential.