

Seventeenth Lok Sabha

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Title: Regarding the setting up of Medical college in Narasaraopet, Telangana.

SHRI LAVU SRIKRISHNA DEVARAYALU (NARASARAOPET):

Thank you, hon. Speaker, Sir, for giving me this opportunity. This is a subject which is close to the heart of our hon. Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi Ji, as well as close to the heart of our hon. Chief Minister, Shri Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy Garu. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the setting up of medical colleges in three phases. In the first phase, 58 medical colleges have already been set up; in the second phase, 24 medical colleges are planned to be set-up; and in the third phase, right now, they are planning to set-up 75 medical colleges. Hon. Speaker, Sir, they have been setting-up these medical colleges by taking district as a unit instead of taking Parliament as a unit. Take the example of my own Guntur district. In Guntur district, they have two private medical colleges, one Government medical college and also AIIMS college. But whereas in my Parliamentary constituency, there is no medical college that is available. Through you, I would like to request the hon. Minister to take Parliament as a unit and take steps to establish medical college. I would like to raise one more point because it relates to everyone here in the Parliament. Recently, Tamil Nadu, which has 39 Parliament seats, has got only 28 Government medical colleges. Our State, Andhra Pradesh has been bifurcated only five years back. We are still struggling with the revenue deficit. So, I would like the hon. Minister to be generous and sanction seven medical colleges which we have applied for recently.