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Title: Demand to make provision of a CGHS wellness centre at Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI MADDILA GURUMOORTHY (TIRUPATI): Thank you, hon. Speaker, Sir, for allowing me to raise an important issue regarding CGHS Wellness Centre in Tirupati.

In Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh, there are various Central Government organizations and it is an educational hub too. As we all know, it is a world-famous pilgrimage centre of Lord Venkateswara. Thousands of devotees visit Tirupati daily from all over the world. Due to this floating population, there is an increase in diseases. So, there is a necessity of medical aid in Tirupati. The surrounding districts of Anantapur and Kadapa also have Central Government establishments. There is no CGHS Wellness Centre in Chittoor, Kadapa and Anantapur. There are about 15,000 Central Government employees, their family members, and retired employees residing in Tirupati. They are in a disadvantaged position due to non-availability of a CGHS Wellness Centre to avail proper medical and referral facilities. It had been so many years and it is a long pending issue.

The Central Government employees are seeking the provision of a CGHS Wellness Centre at Tirupati, which is not provided so far. Hence, I request the hon. Minister of Health and Family Welfare, through you, to provide a CGHS Wellness Centre at Tirupati at the earliest.

Thank you very much, Sir.

