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Title: Regarding Kidney diseases in Uddanam area in Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU (SRIKAKULAM): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I would like to raise an important concern regarding my Srikakulam Parliamentary Constituency. This is an issue of national concern also. There is an area in my Constituency called Uddanam which comprises 109 villages with an approximate population of one lakh people. Previously, Uddanam area used to be known for its beautiful nature and lush green vegetation and coconut plantations. But for the last two decades there has been a terrible reason as to why it has been in the news. Uddanam at present has the highest number of kidney patients in one concentrated area in the whole country. That is the seriousness of this issue.

I will mention some statistics just to make the House understand how important this issue is. When the kidney patients undergo dialysis, the number of Stage 1 patients is 17,870; Stage 4, 5 and 6 patients are 17,529. In the last ten years, Sir, there have been deaths of approximately 8,300 people.

In the last six months, 100 people have died because of kidney related diseases. In one single Panchayat with the name of Loharbanda, 23 people died. It is not sparing the rich or the poor. Two ex-MLAs have also died because of this disease. Previously, in this very House I had raised this issue but the demands I had put forward to the Central Government have not been fulfilled. I want to raise them again. One is that the Indian Council of Medical Research should set up a specific medical research facility in Uddanam area. Previously, in 2009 they had established it but because of insufficient funds, it has not gone through. This time, they have to provide adequate fund so that there should not be any problem. The Central Government has launched the Ayushman Bharat scheme. Somehow, they have to integrate kidney patients also in that scheme. Until that is done, we can't do justice to these patients. It is like social outcast right now. Nobody is going to work there; nobody is going to teach there; nobody is going to marry someone from there. They are all being treated as social outcasts. So, it is a national concern. I want the Central Government to interfere in this matter and provide hope to those kidney patients who come from Uddanam area.

HON. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Dr. Kulmani Samal, Shrimati Aparupa Poddar and Dr. Mamta Sanghamita are permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri Ram Mohan Naidu Kinjarapu.

