

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding grievances of beneficiaries at ESI Hospital Vadavathoor, Kottayam.

SHRI THOMAS CHAZHIKADAN (KOTTAYAM): Sir, the ESI hospital at Vadavathoor in Kottayam is facing grave problems for the last so many years. Sir, it has got more than 1,05,000 registered patients, out of which more than 57,000 are female patients. To cater to the needs of these 57,000 female patients, there is not even a single permanent gynaecologist since 2017. There is only one Special Duty Doctor coming only twice a week from Enathu, which is more than 60 kilometres from Kottayam. This is a very big problem. So, I would request the hon. Minister to intervene in the matter.

There is one more issue. There are 14 staff quarters, but not even a single quarter is habitable. Nobody is staying there. It is very difficult for the registered beneficiaries to have the service of the staff. So, I would again request the hon. Minister to intervene in this matter.

Sir, one ICU was opened in the month of June, 2021. It is not functioning to the full extent even now. It does not have sufficient nurses; it does not have sufficient operation theatre technicians; it does not have Grade-II Attendants; and it does not have Grade-I Attendants.

Sir, through you, I would like to request the hon. Labour Minister to intervene in this matter and settle these issues at the earliest.