

**Re: Establishment of an AIIMS in Raichur - laid**

**SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK (RAICHUR):** Government had announced the establishment of AIIMS in Karnataka. Raichur and Yadgiri are considered most backward Districts and got Special Status under Article 371J. They are included in Transformation of Aspirational Districts programme due to 70 percent SC/ST/OBC population and 59 percent literacy rate. Raichur has most of the population of SC/ST and OBCs who are financially poor and even unable to give good Education, Health facilities to their children. If AIIMS is set up here, Educational and Health facilities will improve for the public and employment opportunities for the unemployed youths will also be created. Dr. D.M. Nanjundappa committee on regional imbalance in Karnataka recommended establishment of a Central University in Kalaburgi and IIT at Raichur. Kalburgi got Central University in 2011 but IIT went to Dharwad. Kalyana Karnataka region is lacking in health facilities and people are dependent on Bengaluru/Pune/Hyderabad for Medical treatment. Raichur has the highest number of infectious diseases cases and 56 to 73 percent of pregnant women/children are malnourished. People are forced to spend more than 76 percent of income on medical treatment. Recently, the Chief Minister of Karnataka has also assured for full infrastructure support if AIIMS is setup in Raichur. Therefore, I demand from the Government to establish an AIIMS in Raichur at the earliest.