

Regarding setting up of the proposed AIIMs for Kerala at Kozhikode

SHRI M. K. RAGHAVAN (KOZHICODE): Sir, I wish to draw attention to the grave disparity shown to the State of Kerala.

The Government of Kerala had, in advance, identified in Kinalur in my constituency Kozhikode, sufficient land for establishing this prestigious medical institute. I have also repeatedly followed this for the last very many years. Yet, it is a dream come true.

The availability of AIIMS at Kozhikode, a region, which is deprived of advanced specialized medical centres, will be a major boom to the people of seven districts in the Malabar region of Kerala and some regions of the nearby States like Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

The district is notorious for frequent Nipah and other virological outbreaks. The entire region is also prone to various lifestyle diseases including cancer, cardiac issues, diabetes, respiratory ailments, atherosclerosis and others.

The setting of the AIIMS in Kozhikode will enhance the healthcare as well as research facilities to address common diseases apart from helping people get treatment at door step.

Hence, I strongly request both the Health Minister and Finance Minister to include the setting up of the proposed AIIMs for Kerala at Kozhikode in the next budget proposal positively.