

Regarding surge in cancer cases in Erode-laid

SHRI K. E. PRAKASH (ERODE): I rise to bring to your attention the alarming surge in cancer cases in Erode and the surrounding region. One of the primary reasons for this increase is water contamination from untreated waste discharged by industrial units. Additionally, there are other environmental exposures contributing to this health crisis. As a result, Erode is now being regarded metaphorically as the "cancer capital" of the state. Despite plans to establish a Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP), the situation remains dire. The residents are suffering, and there is a critical need for a dedicated cancer research centre to address this public health crisis. It would be beneficial if this centre could specially focus on preventive care based on the unique environmental exposures of the region. I earnestly request the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to prioritise this issue and take immediate steps to establish a cancer research centre in the region. The health and lives of countless citizens depend on it.