

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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OPD AND DIAGNOSTIC CENTRE ON RAILWAY LAND
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the Government of Kerala for setting up of OPD and Diagnostic Centre at Thiruvananthapuram on Railway land near Railway Station;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any feasibility study on the proposed OPD and Diagnostic Centre; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the mode of implementation of this project?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY)

(a) to (d): Ministry of Railways have received a request from the Government of Kerala for setting up a medical college and hospital, diagnostic centres, nursing colleges at Thiruvananthapuram. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) and Ministry of Railways (MoR) have signed an MoU for setting up infrastructural health care facilities, like diagnostic laboratories/OPD, hospitals, super specialty hospitals, etc., on Railway Land near Railway Stations and terminals at identified locations all over India in PPP mode, for the benefit of common people living in those areas, passengers and railwaymen.

It has been informed by the Ministry of Railways that, at present, there is no vacant Railway Land at Thiruvananthapuram, of the scale, which is the minimum required, as per MCI guidelines for setting up of Medical College. However, they would provide vacant land not required for operational use for development of diagnostic centre and OPD.