

**Title: Need to approve the proposal of Government of Karnataka for setting up four medical colleges and hospitals -Laid.**

SHRI G. MALLIKARJUNAPPA (DAVANGERE) : The Medical Council of India has inspected four Government Medical Colleges and attached hospitals of Bangalore, Mysore, Hubli and Bellary and all the attached hospitals in 1996. After this inspection, the intake of undergraduate students of these 4 colleges have been reduced from 600 seats to meager 400 seats.

**In view of this, the Karnataka Government has constituted a Committee in June 1998 to conduct needs analysis of the above mentioned institutions. The Committee has found shortage of equipment and instruments and these institutions have to keep pace with the latest advancement in the fields of Medical Education and Health Care.**

Keeping in view, the Karnataka Government has decided to get the financial assistance from external funding agencies at a concessional credit to the tune of about 15 million American Dollars. In this regard, the Karnataka Government has forwarded a proposal to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India for approval. This proposal is still pending with the Union Government.

**I urge, the Government that the approval of the above proposal may be given at the earliest.**