

**Title:** Need to clear the project improvement of Mother and Child Health Programme of Karnataka seeking financial assistance from the Japanese International Cooperative Agency

SHRI G. PUTTA SWAMY GOWDA (HASSAN): Sir, the Medical Council of India inspected Bangalore Medical College, Mysore Medical College, Karnataka Institute of Medical Sciences, Hubli and Vijayanagar Institute of Medical Science, Bellary and all the attached hospitals in 1996 and pointed out certain deficiencies in the infrastructure of these hospitals which consequently resulted in reducing intake of undergraduate students of these four colleges from 600 seats to a meager 400 seats.

With the objective of providing modern treatment facilities, a project called "Improvement of Mother and Child Health Programme for Bangalore Medical college and attached teaching hospitals" is proposed for availing assistance of Rs.60 crore from Japanese International Cooperative Agency which will be in the form of equipment. The entire assistance will be grant and no State share is involved.

I urge upon the Central Government to expedite the matter and help Bangalore Medical College to get the assistance from the Japanese International Cooperative Agency.