

Title: Need to set up a Medical College in Tripura – Laid.

SHRI KHAGEN DAS (TRIPURA WEST) : At the instance of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare had set up a High Level Committee to assess the medical infrastructure in the North East region. The Committee has found that Tripura has a shortage of 442 Medical Officers, 477 Specialist Doctors and huge shortage of other paramedical staff. A small quota of medical seats is provided to the State in various Medical colleges in the country, which is inadequate. Every year hundreds of patients go outside Tripura for treatment. For everyone, heavy financial burden and the physical difficulties in getting treatment pose major difficulties. Consequently, the high level committee recommended the setting up a Medical College in Tripura. The Government of Tripura has since prepared a project report for setting up of 100-seated medical college. The State Government has prepared another project report for upgradation of a district hospital to 300-bedded hospital with investment of Rs. 109 crores to serve as the hospital for the medical colleges.

It is requested that both the projects may be funded by the Ministry of Health or the Department of Development of North Eastern Region on a high priority basis to ensure that a medical college becomes functional in Tripura at the earliest.