

Title: Need to set up a medical research centre on the pattern of AIIMS in Tamil Nadu- Laid.

SHRI P MOHAN (MADURAI): The Medical facilities available to general public in Tamil Nadu is of high standard, through the hospitals run by private as well as State Government. But the units run by Central Government is not up to the standard and medical facilities available there need more improvement. However there are number of super specialty hospital under private sector to provide high quality treatment with latest technology in the field. As the cost is very abnormal common men and the poor have no access to such quality treatment. In Pondicherry, JIPMER is the advanced medical research centre established by Government of India. Except this, in Tamil Nadu we have no such medical research centre.

The Health Minister of the Union Government announced in 1999 that super specialty hospital with research centre would be opened in Tamil Nadu. In this connection, State Government and the Madurai district Administration are trying to find a suitable place at Madurai. In the meantime, Health Minister came out with a statement that six medical research centres at par with AIIMS would be established in six States. In the announcement, Tamil Nadu did not find a place. In this connection, I request that the earlier announcement by Health Minister assuring one such research centre for Tamil Nadu may be implemented along with other six research centres announced later.