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Title: Need to upgrade the existing ESI hospital at Kunnicode, Quilon, Kerala to a super speciality hospital and construct a building for the same.

SHRI CHENGARA SURENDRAN (ADOOR): The E.S.I. hospital at Kunnicode in Pathanapuram Taluk, Quilon in Kerala is functioning in a rented building. There are 17,000 workers working in 34 Cashew factories situated in the area. Besides, there are another 5000 scattered workers having E.S.I. benefits. Now they have to go either to E.S.I. hospital Ezhukone or to the E.S.I. hospital, Arramom, Quilon for speciality treatment. These hospitals are far away from Kunnicode. In the above circumstances, I request that the Hon. Minister may kindly take urgent steps to upgrade the status of E.S.I. Hospital Kunnicode to a superspeciality hospital in the line of that in Arramom, Quilon and also take urgent steps to construct building for the speciality Hospital in the land acquired years back.