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Title : Need to improve the facilities in Department of Paediatrics surgery at AIIMS.

DR. K.S. MANOJ (ALLEPPEY): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the Union Government to the inadequacy in the facilities of the Department of Paediatric Surgery in the premier institute of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences.

Sir, the AIIMS is the premier institute in the country. People from all over the country and also from abroad are getting services from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences. But the Paediatric Surgery Department of the AIIMS is lacking so many facilities. In most of the medical colleges and also in the private hospitals, no such Department of Paediatric Surgery is there. Therefore, the people from various parts of the country, in order to get the services of the paediatric surgery, go to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences.

But I am sorry to say that there are only five doctors including the Professor and the HOD in the AIIMS. Also, the number of beds for the Department of Paediatric Surgery is only 33. On an average nearly 30,000 paediatric cases are being attended to in the OPD of the AIIMS. They are doing 3,000 major surgeries and nearly 5,000 minor cases in the Department of Paediatric Surgery. Apart from the clinical services and OPD services, they are conducting speciality clinics, training as well as research studies in this Department. Though with the limited facilities, they are doing good job, but yet that is not enough.

Therefore, there is a need to increase the facilities in the Department of Paediatric Surgery in the AIIMS. I understand that there is a proposal for upgrading the paediatric services as well as the Paediatric Surgery Department in the All India Institute of Medical Sciences. I would, therefore, urge upon the Health Minister and the Government of India to expedite the proposal regarding upgrading the Department of Paediatric Surgery of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences so that the services rendered to the paediatric cases can be improved. Thank you.