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Title: Need to grant recognition to the Department of Bio-Chemistry proposed to be set up in S.V. Medical College, Tirupati.

SHRI S.P.Y. REDDY (NANDYAL): Sir, the Medical Council of India gives formal recognition to the various degrees conferred by the medical colleges in India. Before extending necessary approval, the Medical Council deposes a medical team to the concerned medical college. In May, 2001, a team headed by Dr. Ebenizer Williams, Professor and Head of the Department in Madras College was sent to Sri Venkateswara Medical College, Tirupati for inspection with reference to the Department of Biochemistry. The team sent its findings soon thereafter to the Medical Council. The report was not received at the Medical Council and so it was sent for a second time on 4th May, 2004. But till date, no action has been taken so far, and delay is affecting adversely the chances of the candidates covered by the report of the team.

I request the hon. Minister of Health and Family Welfare to direct the Medical Council of India to expedite action.

MR. SPEAKER: The Minister has no such powers, Mr. Reddy.