

Title: Need to accord approval for funding the setting up of a Medical College in the State of Tripura. – Laid.

SHRI KHAGEN DAS (TRIPURA-WEST): I would like to draw the attention of the Government that 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 more than 442 medical officers, 477 specialist doctors and huge shortage of other para-medical 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. 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 a Medical College and Hospital and the report has been sent to the Ministry for development of North-East Region for funding under 'NLCPR'.

I strongly demand that approval for funding for the project by 'DONER' under 'NLCPR' may be expedited so that Medical College becomes functional during this financial year.