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Title: Need to set up Clinical Research Institute in the Country and particularly in Madurai.

SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN (DINDIGUL): Necessity breeds invention. The ever changing spectrum of diseases and its toll on human life has been a challenge to mankind. Clinical excellence has always been achieved in the field of medicine based on trials and experiments conducted across the years. This in fact has led to the emergence of newer therapies and cures for major ailments. Clinical research centres form the cornerstone of delivering and improving standards of care.

Clinical research aims to specifically answer a question about treating a disease through human participation, record based studies, clinical samples, animal studies or in technology developed for clinical use. It has a tremendous portentous potential to lift the standard of care from treating to curing diseases.

It is through these centres of excellence that the world has seen Nobel Laureates from centres like the Rockerfeller Institute, Harvard, Oxford and Cambridge to name a few. These centres have been the silent temples through which standards of care have been helping us live longer through unique discoveries and inventions. Amidst the tremendous strides, our country is taking especially in the IT section we must strive to place India in the world map along with these institutes in promoting newer technologies towards clinical excellence and research. For a population of 1 billion, we account for nearly  $1/4^{th}$  of humanity and we owe a moral responsibility in taking the lead role to safeguard and promote the health of our citizens. There is no dearth of talent in our magnificent land and given the opportunity along with a common political will to fund and support these kinds of institutes, we will soon have a multitude of findings from clinical research which could lead India to be a trendsetter in medical care.

Hence I urge the Government of India for setting up of Clinical Research Institutes in India particularly in Madurai District.