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Title: Need to make a study on increasing incidents of Cancer along the coastal areas of Country.

DR. K.S. MANOJ (ALLEPPEY): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the Government to a very serious issue of increasing incidents of Cancer along the coast of Kerala, and especially, in my district Alleppey, and the need to provide Central assistance to strengthen the Oncology Department of the Alleppey Medical College.

Recently, a survey was conducted by the college students who belonged to the National Service Scheme of NSS College, Cherthala. They have showed a high incidence of Cancer disease along the coast of Alleppey. Another study conducted recently by the Regional Cancer Centre at Trivandrum also showed high incidence of certain peculiar type of Cancer disease along the coast. This issue needs more intensive study. Therefore, I urge upon the Government to conduct a detailed study about the high incidence of Cancer disease there.

Secondly, the Oncology treatment facility at the Alleppey Medical College is very meagre. We have only one Cobalt Radiation Machine, and that too is in a dilapidated condition. Therefore, the Oncology treatment facilities at the Alleppey Medical College should be strengthened. There are so many schemes under the Central Assistance Scheme for control of the Cancer disease. The Cancer Department of the Alleppey Medical College should also be included under such a scheme, and the facilities in the said college should also be strengthened to give treatment facilities to the people, especially, in Alleppey, which is a backward and coastal district. This will help the people of Alleppey. Thank you.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The House stands adjourned to meet on Monday, the 26th November 2007 at 1100 a.m.

18.12 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock

on Monday, the 26th November, 2007 / Agrahayana 5, 1929 (Saka).

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