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Title: Need to set up a Cancer Research Institute in Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu.

SHRIMATI J. HELEN DAVIDSON (KANYAKUMARI): Every year from my constituency Kanyakumari, people are travelling to the neighbouring State of Kerala for treatment of Cancer. In Kerala, from children to old age people, all are falling prey to this disease.

The nuclear research establishment conducted a detailed health study among the people living in higher natural background radiation regions (HBRRs) in Kerala and Tamil Nadu. Due to the presence of thorium and uranium, the background radiation in the fishing villages of all the coastal villages in the Kanyakumari district is very high.

So far, the Centre has completed a survey in Kerala and Tamil Nadu HBRR (i.e. higher natural background radiation regions). There are clinical records of 16,000 cancer patients from hospitals in Kanyakumari district. Unable to get proper treatment and care, they end up their life.

Most of the people in Kanyakumari are economically backward people, due to which they are unable to spend huge amount for treatment like Chemotherapy, blood transfusion etc. and for getting treatment they have to travel to far off places to other State or to Chennai.

So I urge upon the Government to set up Cancer Research Institute in Kanyakumari in Tamil Nadu which will be helpful not only for my constituency but also for nearby districts.

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MADAM SPEAKER: Please let us do it.

...(Interruptions)

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12.07 hrs

At this stage, Shri A.K.S. Vijayan and some other hon. Members came and stood on the floor near the Table.