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Title: Need to expedite the process to set up Regional Institute of Para-medical Sciences at Kozhikode, Kerala.

SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN (KOZHIKODE): Sir, the Government of Kerala had submitted a proposal for establishing a Regional Institute of Paramedical Sciences at Kozhikode with a central assistance of Rs. 90 crore in 2007 for inclusion in the 11<sup>th</sup> Plan.

It is expected that the Institute will cater to about 20 para-medical courses annually. The State Government has also assured sufficient land within the premises of the Medical College at Kozhikode for establishment of the Institute.

The Ministry of Health had also conveyed to the Government of Kerala that the proposal for Kozhikode is under active consideration through its letter dated 17.2.2010. But the formal order for the establishment of the Institute at Kozhikode is still awaited.

As you are aware, Kerala is the foremost State that sends nurses and other para-medical staff to numerous hospitals across the country as well as internationally. Therefore, the establishment of such an institution early, as suggested, would help the aspiring candidates of Kerala who are otherwise now compelled to attend the courses in other parts of the country.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I would request the hon. Members not to leave the House as soon as they have completed their Zero Hour mentions as it does not look beautiful to do so.