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Title : Need to provide all the necessary basic facilities at the ESI Hospital, Mukkudal, district Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI S.S. RAMASUBBU (TIRUNELVELI): Madam, at Mukkudal in Tirunelveli district, Tamil Nadu an ESI Hospital is functioning. It serves to Mukkudal, Alangulam, Kadayam, Pappakkudi Unions, etc. comprising more than 60 villages. The poor people engaged in the beedi and stone quarry industries are solely dependent on this hospital and availing the medical facilities for their ailments from this hospital only. Moreover, 90% of the women who are on the family way are availing maternity benefits from this hospital only.

However, this hospital is faced with certain basic problems viz., inadequate number of doctors, Lab technicians, Nurses, medical equipments and essential medicines. To keep the hospital clean and hygienic, sweepers and watchmen are also not posted in adequate numbers. With the result, many of the poor patients who have fallen sick are not able to recover quickly and unable to resume their duties in time. The conditions of the poor workers is such that they are not able to afford huge cost of medicines and treatment in private hospitals.

I shall, therefore, request the Hon'ble Minister of Labour and Employment to extend all necessary basic facilities at the ESI hospital at Mukkudal, Tirunelveli district, Tamil Nadu.