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Title: Need to provide financial assistance to all the people seeking help from Prime Minister's National Relief Fund.

SHRI JOSE K. MANI (KOTTAYAM): The Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF), which caters to the medical needs of various types of drastically sick patients from every state in the country has been rendering very good service over the past years. However, the fund is not able to help all those who seek assistance, since this number is very large and the requirement for funds is enormous. This is despite the fact that all cases that reach the PMNRF are genuine. Those who are left without being helped, naturally, get upset with the Government, especially the MP of the constituency to which they belong.

The rising cost of medicines is adding to the burden of critically ill patients and those who take care of them. Under such circumstances, the financial support that reaches them from the PMNRF is very much needed. I, therefore, appeal to the Hon'ble Prime Minister that the Government should extend some assistance to all those who seek financial help. Even if the quantum of financial assistance is lowered, the Government should endeavour to give assistance to all those who come seeking help. This will help avoiding unnecessary criticism of the MP regarding partiality. I, therefore, request the Hon'ble Prime Minister to use his good offices in this matter and issued relevant orders to the concerned authorities.

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