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Title: Need to accord national scheme status to Rajiv Aarogyasri Health Insurance Scheme of Andhra Pradesh

SHRI ARUNA KUMAR VUNDAVALLI (RAJAHMUNDRY): The main objective of the Aarogyasri Community Health Insurance Scheme in Andhra Pradesh is to provide social protection and addressing healthcare problems that causes indebtedness and often bring people into devastating financial and physical distress.

In order to facilitate effective implementation of the scheme, the Government has set up Aarogyasri Health Care Trust under the Chairmanship of the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh. Since then, the Scheme is being implemented successfully. The first of its kind health scheme in the country called Rajiv Arogyasri has not only won accolades from all over the world but also has drawn the attention of many States in the country. Andhra Pradesh has been the only State to successfully roll out the scheme. The State Government has already requested the Centre to accord National Scheme Status to the Rajiv Aarogyasri health insurance scheme envisaged by former Chief Minister late Dr. Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy to cover families living below the poverty line.

Madam, through this august House, I urge upon the Government to accord National Scheme Status to the Rajiv Aarogyasri.