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Title: Need to improve the facilities for and appoint adequate number of doctors and medical/para medical staff in ESI Hospital at Mukkudal in Tirunelveli district, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI S.S. RAMASUBBU (TIRUNELVELI): Madam, at Mukkudal in my Tirunelveli District, Tamil Nadu, an ESI Hospital is functioning. It serves a large number of villages Viz., Mukkudal, Alangulam, Kadayam, Pappakkudi Unions, etc. comprising of more than 60 villages. The poor people in this region are mostly engaged in the beedi industries and availing of medical facilities from this hospital only.

However, this hospital is lacking certain basic facilities such as doctors, essential medicines, etc. It has only 4 doctors out of the sanctioned strength of 14. Adequate number of specialists and technicians are not available. On an average about 400 patients visit this hospital daily for treatment in the OPD. Though infrastructure is adequately available, but owing to scarcity of trained professionals, existing facilities are not being utilized properly. Salary given to the medical professionals is meagre. The poor workers are not able to afford huge cost of medicines and treatment from outside.

I shall, therefore, humbly urge upon the Union Government to improve the facilities and to appoint adequate number of doctors, nurses and other allied para medical staff at the ESI Hospital, Mukkudal without delay which will cater to the needs of the large number of beedi workers in this region.