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Title: Need to accord administrative approval to start Central Nursing School sanctioned for Thrissur district at Koratty Leprosy Hospital near Chalakuddy in Thrissur district, Kerala.

SHRI K. P. DHANAPALAN (CHALAKUDY): The Government of India has allotted one Central Nursing School to Thrissur district in Kerala. The proposal for starting a Central Nursing School at Government Leprosy Hospital Koratty near Chalakudy in Thrissur District has been submitted to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare through the DMO, Thrissur. The Kerala Public Works Department, Building Division, Thrissur has submitted the detailed estimate for the proposed construction of teaching block and hostel for General Nursing and Midwifery (GNM) students at Government Leprosy Hospital Koratty. However, no administrative sanction has been accorded till date from the Health Ministry. As Kerala is a state where thousands of students use to migrate to other States for their nursing studies. If the Central Nursing School at Koratty becomes a reality, it would be beneficial to the nursing students in Kerala. In most of the hospitals in India, Gulf counties and other western countries, nurses from Kerala possess a distinct place. They also bring forth a considerable amount of foreign exchange to our country. The Koratty Leprosy Hospital is now having an inpatient facility of 650 beds and is functioning in premises of 112 acres of land adjacent to NH 47.

Hence, I request that Government to take immediate steps for granting administrative sanction for starting Central Nursing School which has already sanctioned to Thrissur district at Koratty Leprosy Hospital and also to grant sufficient amount for the construction of the proposed building for the Central Nursing School as early as possible.