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Title: Need to start Central Nursing School at Koratty Leprosy Hospital in Thrissur district, Kerala.

SHRI K. P. DHANAPALAN (CHALAKUDY): The Government of India has sanctioned one Central Nursing School in Thrissur District in Kerala. The proposal for starting a Central Nursing School at Govt. Leprosy Hospital Koratty near Chalakudy in Thrissur District has been submitted to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare through the D.M.O., 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 Govt. Leprosy Hospital Koratty. However, no administrative sanction has been accorded till date from the Health Ministry. If the Central Nursing School at Koratty becomes a reality, it will be beneficial to the nursing students in Kerala. It can be seen that in most of the hospitals in India, Gulf countries and other western countries, nurses from Kerala are working in a large number. They 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 the premises of 112 acres of land adjacent to NH47.

Hence I request the Government to take immediate steps for granting administrative sanction for starting Central Nursing School at Koratty Leprosy Hospital and also to grant sufficient amount for the construction of the proposed building.