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Title: Need to establish new ESI medical college at Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

SHRI HARIN PATHAK (AHMEDABAD EAST): Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC), New Delhi had submitted a proposal to Govt. of Gujarat to establish a new ESIC medical college in ESI Hospital, Naroda, Ahmedabad. ESIC requested the Govt. of Gujarat to issue a NoC/Essentiality Certificate vide letter dated 14.07.2008. But, thereafter, ESIC proposed to establish a new medical college at the Chest Diseases ESI Hospital, Naroda & Ahmadabad. The new site of the proposed medical college was jointly inspected by the Central Govt. and State Govt. officials, but the land where the new medical college was to be set up was required to be dereserved by the Municipal Corporation, Ahmadabad. The land was dereserved to ESIC for a token amount and Govt. of Gujarat had issued a NoC/Essentiality Certificate vide its order dated 24.09.2008. The Govt. of Gujarat has requested ESIC to expedite the process of starting new medical college which has not been done till date. The State of Gujarat is a fit case to establish more medical colleges to meet the deficiencies in intake capacity of MBBS seats to provide sufficient specialist/super-specialists for meeting the need for quality and adequate health care, to achieve optimum targets of per capita health expenditure, HDI improvement, Maternal Mortality Rate/Infant Mortality Rate control, etc. I, therefore, request the Hon'ble Minister of Labour & Employment to expedite this matter on war footing basis and establish the new medical college at Ahmadabad, at the earliest.