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Title: Need to set up an Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme poly-clinic at Vizianagaram town in Andhra Pradesh.

SHRIMATI BOTCHA JHANSI LAKSHMI (VIZIANAGARAM): I would like to draw the attention of the Government regarding the grievances of Ex-Servicemen / widows / Service personnel of Vizianagaram District., Andhra Pradesh. The strength of total defense personnel would be about 20,000 in Vizianagaram district. Ex-servicemen and serving personnel including their families are facing many troubles, due to non availability of Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) facility in hospitals at Vizianagaram. The Vizianagaram District covers Parvathipuram Municipality Limits, Saluru Municipality Limits, Cheepuripalli Municipality Limits, Bobbili limits and also Vizianagaram Limits which are nearer to some of the tribal cities of Odisha namely Sunabeda, Koraput and border area of Srikakulam district. The ex-servicemen personnel, mostly senior citizens and widows at large are facing many troubles to reach hospitals in Visakhapatnam having ECHS facility due to far distance and huge amount of bus fare from villages of Vizianagaram district to Visakhapatnam.

In this connection, the District Ex-Servicemen Welfare Association had submitted their memorandum to District Collector as per the guidelines of the defense service to provide suitable land to construct ECHS poly clinic at Vizianagaram. In fact, the association leaders and Vizianagaram District Sainik Welfare Officers are in touch with MIMS Hospital at Nellimeria in Vizianagaram District to provide ECHS facilities to Defense Personnel.

I, therefore, urge upon the government to provide ECHS Poly Clinic at Vizianagaram town to mitigate the difficulties being faced by serving defence officials and Ex-Servicemen belonging to my constituency.