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Title: Need to expedite setting up of AIIMS type super speciality Hospital cum-Teaching Institute in Madurai city, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI R. GOPALAKRISHNAN (MADURAI): Sir, Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, the former hon. People's Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has taken a series of measures for the healthcare of the people of Tamil Nadu. Setting up of AIIMS type Super Specialty Hospital in Madurai is the top priority. Accordingly, proposals have been submitted to the Central Government. The proposed site is K. Puthupatti in Madurai.

Madurai is a major city for the people of southern districts of Tamil Nadu. People from about 12 districts covering a population of about 2.3 crore would be benefited by the AIIMS type hospital at Madurai. Madurai city itself is having a population of about 15 lakh.

The proposal submitted by the Tamil Nadu Government contains all the details, namely, the site selected, disease profile with the number of patients per year, NCD Report, prevalence of health hazard diseases in and around Madurai, and water and electricity supply to the proposed AIIMS hospital. Further, the Local Planning Authority and the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board are willing to extend full cooperation to the Health Department as also the District Administration in this regard.

Keeping in view the importance of the Madurai city and the interests of crores of people in and around Madurai, I would urge upon the Union Government to consider and expedite setting up of the AIIMS type Super Specialty Hospital-cum-Teaching Institute in Madurai. Thank you, Sir.