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Title: Need to upgrade V.S.S. Medical College and Hospital, Burla in Sambalpur, Odisha as a Central Medical Institute.

SHRI NAGENDRA KUMAR PRADHAN (SAMBALPUR): Hon. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, I want to draw the attention of the Government on an urgent matter of public importance.

Veer Surendra Sai Medical College, Burla is a premier medical institute of Odisha State. It is the second biggest medical institute Odisha at Sambalpur, where I represent. The Odisha Government has given suggestions on some important cases. For example, there is no cancer unit. Thousands of sickle cell anemia patients are going to that college but there is no permanent treatment for them. Fifteen districts of the State including portion of Chhattisgarh, when they are having health problem, are constantly coming to this Burla Medical College.

So such being the situation, the Odisha Government has sent some recommendations and suggestions to the Government of India. For example, the Odisha Government has asked for extension of building for which around Rs. 50 crore is needed; it has also asked for opening up of a high standard sickle cell institution. But no action has been taken by the Government of India so far.

I would, therefore, request the Government of India to immediately intervene in the matter and sanction funds as per the suggestions given by the Odisha Government.