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Title: Need to expedite setting up of an AIIMS like Institute at Thoppur in Virudhunagar Parliamentary Constituency, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN (VIRUDHUNAGAR): AIIMS has become a household name in India and abroad. Tamil Nadu has a population of 72 million people but the State does not have any AIIMS like Insitute.

With the announcement of setting up of AIIMS like Institutes in all States in a phased manner by the Union Government and also announcement in the Union Budget for setting up of new Institutes, Our beloved Leader Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, in Tamil Nadu. took up the matter with Hon'ble Prime Minister vide her letter dated 18.7.2014 indicating Tamil Nadu's readiness to provide adequate land and other facilities for the establishment of AIIMS like institute in the State. Subsequently, a detailed report has been sent to the Ministry of Health, Government of India with all the relevant details like five suggested locations namely Pudukottai, Thanjavur, Chengelpet, Perundurai in Erode and Thoppur in my Virudhunagar constituency in Madurai District. All the required particulars about these five locations with assurance that necessary statutory clearances in respect of transfer of land, provision of water, electricity and drainage facilities will be obtained was communicated to Union Government. However, no action has been taken by the Union Government till now.

So, I urge upon the Union Government to expedite the visit of Central team to assess the viability of the identified location namely Thoppur in my Virudhunagar constituency in Madurai District, Tamil Nadu for the setting up of the said institute in this financial year itself.