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Title: Regarding the decision to shut down all the ESI medical colleges run in different parts of the country especially in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI V. ELUMALAI (ARANI): Madam Speaker, thank you.

The Government has decided to shut down all the ESI medical colleges run by the ESI in many parts of the country, including the ESI Medical Colleges at K.K. Nagar, Chennai and Coimbatore. This announcement is being made in spite of the fact that the Medical Council of India wants these medical colleges to be run by the ESI itself.

A total of 1,200 undergraduate medical students of MBBS, BDS and Nursing; and 200 postgraduate students have commenced their study through the all-India examination in the ESIC colleges. More than 200 faculty members were also recruited. This decision has been taken without considering the fate and future of the students and faculty members. The fate and future of the students pursuing their studies in these colleges are at stake.

Further, there is no clarity on what would happen to more than 200 faculty members and students studying in the ESI Medical College at K.K. Nagar, Chennai.

HON. SPEAKER: That is all.

SHRI V. ELUMALAI: It is a very important matter.

HON. SPEAKER: Why are you reading it out? I have told the hon. Members that in 'Zero Hour' the Members are not supposed to read out such a long speech. You are allowed to speak for only two minutes.

SHRI V. ELUMALAI: To take care of the future of the medical students of ESI Medical College in K.K. Nagar and Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu, our people's former Chief Minister, hon. leader, beloved Puratchi Thalaivi Amma has consented to take over the hospitals and medical colleges of the ESI at K.K. Nagar, Chennai and Coimbatore.

Therefore, I would like to urge upon the Government to consider the request of the State Government of Tamil Nadu for taking over these Medical Colleges and hospitals on the terms suggested by hon. Amma. Thank you.