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Title: Need to upgrade district hospital, Kallakurichi and Taluk hospital, Attur in Tamil Nadu.

DR.K. KAMARAJ (KALLAKURICHI): Sir, Kallakurichi and Attur municipalities are located on the National Highway No. 68. These municipalities are receiving many cases of traumatic injuries due to accidents on National Highway No. 68 and also Medical Emergencies due to Heart Attacks, Stroke, Hypertension, Diabetes, Snake and unknown bites, Poisonings and Obstetrics and Pediatric Emergencies etc. from in and around the villages of Villupuram, Cuddalore, Thiruvannamalai, Salem and Perambalur districts. Some of these patients are referred to Higher medical institutions in Villupuram, Puducherry and Salem which are about 75 to 100 Kilometres from the above said municipalities. Due to inadequate medical facilities many patients die on the way to hospitals and some of them get delayed medical care resulting in increased morbidity. The District Hospital in Kallakurichi and Taluk hospital in Attur has to be upgraded to treat all the above said emergencies and also requires adequate medical specialists like Neuro surgeons, Orthopedicians, Anesthetists, Cardiologists, Paramedical personnel and medical equipment so as to handle medical, surgical, obstetrics and pediatric emergencies. So, I kindly request the Minister for Health and Family welfare to upgrade above said Kallakurichi District hospital and Attur Taluk hospital and allocate necessary funds to upgrade the said hospitals to Regional Trauma and Emergency Care Centres.