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Title: Need to appoint a physician as Director of the Regional Medical Research Centre, Bhubaneswar.

DR. KULMANI SAMAL (JAGATSINGHPUR): It is learnt that the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is proposing to appoint an IAS officer as the Director of the Regional Medical Research Centre (RMRC), Bhubaneswar, Odisha. In this regard, I am to stress the point that RMRC, Bhubaneswar is one of the oldest, efficient and leading medical research bodies of the Indian Council of Medical Research in our country. In its history, an experienced physician has always been appointed as the Director for effective research strategy to address the problems arising out of regional diseases like lymphatic filariasis, malaria, diarrheal disorders, tuberculosis, diabetes, etc. The research & development in medical science as well as to diagnose the complexities of diseases occurred in the region is better understood by a physician rather than an IAS Officer. I feel that a physician could only take the appropriate steps to promote the biomedical research better than an administrative officer.

In this regard, it is my sincere request as well as suggestion to the Minister of Health and Family Welfare to intervene and appoint an experienced physician as the Director of RMRC, Bhubaneswar to serve the purpose of the medical research.