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Title: Need to confer National status as a centre of excellence to cancer Institute, Adayar.

DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN (CHENNAI SOUTH): Hon. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, I would like to bring to the notice of the august House a pending request with regard to the Cancer Institute, Adayar, Chennai founded in 1954 as a voluntary charitable institution by the later hon. Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy which has applied for upgradation during the Twelfth Plan Period, as a Centre of Excellence – an Autonomous National Cancer Research Institute for treatment of cancer. The Cancer Institute, Adayar, is a Non-Governmental institution for which the Government of Tamil Nadu has been assisting for over three decades by way of maintenance grant. As a referral cancer centre, it provides yeoman service to the needy cancer patients from all over India. Our hon. Makkal Muthalvar Puratchi Thalaivi Amma had requested that the Cancer Institute, Adayar, for which is one of the oldest NGO run cancer hospitals in the country, be conferred with national status as a centre of excellence, particularly when it has been rated by WHO as the Top-ranking Centre in the country which is pending with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. This proposal should be approved to enable this reputed cancer hospital in Chennai to expand and strengthen its capacity to treat cancer patients in larger number as a National Institute.