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Title: Regarding establishing 5 new Medical Colleges in Odisha under cost sharing

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK): There was a proposal for construction of five new Government medical colleges in the State of Odisha with an initial project cost of Rs. 189 crore each taken up under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme, to be attached with the existing district or referral hospital with the fund sharing of 75:25 between the Centre and the State. That is going on in full swing. Admission in these new medical colleges for MBBS students has been scheduled to commence from 2017-18 academic session.

The Odisha Government on its part has made adequate Budget provision for the project despite the State's financial crunch. Now, the Revised Estimate has come to around Rs. 2,450.90 crore for the five proposed medical colleges. One is in Balasore. My colleague, Shri Jena, spoke on a different subject. It is in his constituency. There are five medical colleges which are supposed to be taken up. But in-between, after repeated persuasions by our State Government and by the MPs from my Party from Odisha, Rs. 55 crore have already flown in from the Central Government. The share would have been much more. The Odisha Government has already put in Rs. 330 crore to construct these five medical colleges. I had personally met the Minister of Health and Family Welfare and made a request to him in this regard.

Now, I am raising it in this House because not much fund has flown after that. Only Rs. 55 crore have been released by the Central Government. Already the State Government has spent Rs. 330 crore for the construction of these five medical colleges.

I urge upon the Central Government to bring the cost sharing pattern between the Centre and the State in the ratio of 75:25 as it was agreed earlier. Now, they have made it 60:40. That is why, my request would be to bring it to the previous pattern of 75:25 and release the remaining funds to the State Government as early as possible....(व्यवधान) स्टेट दिर्या तो 25 से 40 कर दिया है, पहले यह 75 और 25 था, अब 60 और 40 कर दिया है। इसको 75 और 25 किया जाए और धन भी भेजा जाए।

HON. CHAIRPERSON : Shri Bhairon Prasad Mishra, Shri P.P. Chaudhary and Kunwar Pushpendra Singh Chandel are permitted to associate with the matter raised by Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab.