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title: Need to set up AIIMS in Telangana.

DR. BOORA NARSAIAH GOUD (BHONGIR): Hon. Chairperson, Sir, thank you for giving me this opportunity to raise a matter of urgent public importance during the Zero Hour. I would like to invite the attention of the Government through you to the fact that we are surprised and pained at the recent Budget where there was no announcement for setting up of AIIMS in the State of Telangana.

The State of Telangana is the youngest State in India. I had taken up this issue with the then hon. Health Minister, Dr. Harshavardhan who promised on the floor of the House in the first Session itself that the State of Telangana will have an AIIMS. However, on the advice of Dr. Harshavardhan, our hon. Chief Minister pro-actively identified 220 acres of land with rail, road and air connectivity at Bibinagar in my constituency Bhongir.

We have submitted all the data including details about land, water and other required things. Recently, the present Minister for Health, Shri Nadda, has visited my constituency, Bhongir. He was there for two days. I had accompanied him and showed him the place. He has assured that in this Budget, he will consider one AIIMS-like institution for Telangana State.

I would take this opportunity to urge upon the Central Government on this matter. Whenever they think of Hyderabad, they think of the medical hub. Unfortunately, Apollo, Medicity, Medicare and Star Hospitals are all corporate hospitals. My request to the Central Government is, at least, there should be a provision for AIIMS-like institution in Telangana for which we will be thankful to them.

I would take this opportunity to again impress upon the Central Government to announce one All India Institute of Medical Sciences as early as possible to the State of Telangana.

HON. CHAIRMAN: Dr. Manoj Rajoria is permitted to associate with the issue raised by Dr. Boora Narsaiah Goud.