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Title: Need to introduce tele-medicine centres in the rural areas and provide health amenities for the tribals living in rural areas.

SHRIMATI KOTHAPALLI GEETHA (ARAKU): Madam, I thank you for giving me this opportunity to speak in the 'Zero Hour' about the health amenities available in the rural areas of Andhra Pradesh. ...(*Interruptions*)

I represent the tribal area of Andhra Pradesh and my constituency is entirely a rural area. Provision and accessibility to health facilities have been a major problem in the rural areas. ...(*Interruptions*) As per the Census 2011, tribals constitute around 8.6 per cent of the total Indian population and almost 90 per cent live in the rural and interior areas.

In spite of the efforts of the Government, these tribal areas continue to suffer due to lack of maternal and child health services. Effective health amenities are not available in these areas. Presently there is a problem of physical infrastructure. The doctors and multi-purpose health workers are not available in sufficient numbers. The only way to solve these health problems is the introduction of tele-medicine in the rural areas.

Hence, I would request the Health Minister, through you, to introduce tele-medicine centres in the rural areas and provide effective health amenities for the tribals living in the rural areas. Thank you.

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