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Title: Need to set up National AYUSH University in Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu.

\*SHRI K. PARASURAMAN (THANJAVUR): Hon. Madam Speaker, Vanakkam. Under the able guidance of Hon Chief Minister of Tamil Dr. Puratchithalaivi Amma, I want to raise an issue about the setting up of a National Ayush University in my Thanjavur parliamentary constituency.

**HON. SPEAKER :** You have to give notice if you want to speak in Tamil. Have you given notice? Ok. Now you can speak.

\***SHRI K. PARASURAMAN :** Thanjavur is a historically renowned place. Most of the Indian medicines in our country are derived from the particulars collected from ancient manuscripts, palm scripts and stone inscriptions. We are aware of the fact that Indian medicines are based on ancient systems of medicine. Our ancestors have given us, in a secret way, these drug combinations which can prevent and cure several diseases. We have so many books pertaining to Indian medicine in the Saraswathi Mahal Library of Thanjavur. Books in several volumes on Ayurveda are available in this Saraswathi Mahal Library. This Indian medicine should be recognized by the Union Government. In our country, only 2% funds are allocated for Indian medicine, whereas 98 % funds are allocated for western allopathic medicine. During ancient days, we used Indian medicines primarily derived from plants and herbs. I urge that the Union Government should come forward to engage in research activities in the field of herbal and natural medicines besides setting up a National Ayush University. The Tamil University Campus in Thanjavur is spread across an area of 1000 acres. There are more than 300 varieties of plants and herbs available in this campus. I therefore urge upon the Union Government to set up a National Ayush University in my Thanjavur parliamentary constituency.

**माननीय अध्यक्ष :**

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