सरकार ने घोषित कर दिया। आज देश में मानसिक चिकित्सा के अनेक सुयोग्य तथा प्रसिद्ध चिकित्सक इसी केन्द्र की उपज हैं।

सभापति जी, खेद की बात है कि गत तीन वर्षों में इस केन्द्र के कार्य में काफी गिरावट आई है।

ऐसे समाचार मिले हैं कि हाल ही में काफी लोगों ने अस्पताल की निराशाजनक हालत तथा डाक्टरों की लापरवाही से ऊबकर आत्म हत्या कर ली। यहां आए रोगियों को उचित भोजन, कपड़ा तथा दवाइयां नहीं मिल पा रही हैं। रोगियों के संरक्षकों को हर माह भारी भुगतान करना पड़ रहा है। अस्पताल के कर्मचारियों को अवासा रहते हुए भी आवास उपलब्ध नहीं कराया जा रहा है। मकान खाली और बेकार पड़े हैं। इससे भी आश्चर्य की बात यह है कि लगभग डेढ दर्जन संसद् सदस्यों ने इस विषय पर लिखा पढी की पर अब तक कोई कार्यवाही नहीं हुई। मैं चाहूंगा कि तुरन्त स्वास्थ्य मंत्री जी इस संस्थान की जांच करायें और अस्पताल की प्रतिष्ठा बचाये।

(vi) INSTALLATION OF ORIGINAL JALAKANTESHWARA IDOL IN THE TEMPLE IN VELLORE FORT.

SHRI ABDUL SAMAD (Vellore): Mr. Chairman, Sir, it was a long felt ardent desire of the religious-minded Hindus of Vellore and surrounding areas to have the original deity of Jalakanteshwara installed in the Temple which is located inside the Historic Fort of Vellore.

The idol which was removed from the Temple some hundred years ago, was lying in a nearby village Sathvacheri. Three weeks ago some thousands of devotees joined together and took out a huge procession with the idol and had it installed in the Temple in Vellore Fort.

Since that Temple is under the care and supervision of Archaelogical Department of India, I was told that a notice has been served for the vacation of the idol from that Temple.

In the interest of law and order and peaceful atmosphere and in due deference to the religious sentiments of the Hindu devotees, I appeal to the Government of India not to interfer with the present arrangements and allow the people to continue the religious ceremonies according to the Hindu religious rights.

If it is necessary, I appeal to the Government to bring suitable amendments to the Archaeological Monuments Act, to allow the people to perform religious rites without any hindrance while the Department of Archaelogy continues taking proper care for the maintenance of that Historic Temple.

As the elected representatives of the people of Vellore, I make this appeal in the interest of maintaining cordial relationship amongst the people giving due recognition and respect to the religious sentiments of the majority of the people.

Likewise the Masjid inside the Fort may also be handed over to the Muslim community for conducting daily prayers.

As this matter has become sensitive, I request the Government of India to take adequate measures immediately ensure the continuing of the present arrangements.