

Request for starting a Sainik School in Puducherry

SHRI S. SELVAGANABATHY (Kerala): Sir, Sainik Schools are a system of public school in India established and managed by the Sainik School Society under the Ministry of Defence. The primary objective of Sainik Schools is to prepare students academically, mentally and physically for entry into the National Defence Academy (NDA), the Indian Naval Academy (INA) and the Air Force Academy. There are 33 Sainik Schools in the country and the Ministry of Defence has proposed to establish 100 more boarding Sainik Schools with the help of public private partnership (PPP) mode. Puducherry, being a Union Territory, has a rich population of young children. But nowadays, they are diverted from disciplined life towards narcotics. It is now imperative that they should be brought back to make them better citizens of India. If a residential Sainik School is established in Puducherry, it would be a great opportunity to contribute to national defence also. The Puducherry Government will come forward to provide facilities like land, infrastructure, etc., for running the school. With the opening of the Sainik School, it would also uphold the reservation policy which mainly caters to the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes, residents of Puducherry and the wards of Armed Forces employees and ex-servicemen, who had served this country. Therefore, I urge the Central Government to start one residential Sainik School in the interests of the people of Puducherry. Thank you.

Concern over flood affected people in Kirandul of Dantewada

श्रीमती फूलो देवी नेतम (छत्तीसगढ़): महोदय, राष्ट्रीय खनिज विकास निगम (NMDC), इस्पात मंत्रालय का नवरत्न सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र का उद्यम है, जो भारत में लौह अयस्क का सबसे बड़ा उत्पादक है। छत्तीसगढ़ के दंतेवाड़ा में बैलाडीला की पहाड़ी पर NMDC की खदान से भारी मात्रा में पानी आने से किरंदुल शहर में तबाही मची हुई है। गरीब आदिवासियों की जीवन भर की पूंजी बह गई, सैकड़ों लोग घायल हो गए, कई लोग विकलांग हो गए, मकान-दुकान ढह गए, सड़कें - गाड़ियां बह गईं। राज्य सरकार द्वारा चेक डैम की दीवार टूटने की बात कही गई है और पीड़ितों को मात्र 20 हजार रुपए की आर्थिक सहायता दी गई है।

महोदय, NMDC ने पहाड़ी पर कई एकड़ में 11 अस्थाई चेक डैम बना रखे हैं। इनकी कोई मजबूत स्थाई दीवार नहीं है। ज्यादा बारिश होने पर NMDC द्वारा मिट्टी की मेड़ को हटाया गया, जिससे किरंदुल शहर में बाढ़ आई है।

अतः आपके माध्यम से मेरा निवेदन है कि इस प्रकरण की उच्च स्तरीय जांच कराई जाए।

3.00 P.M.

NMDC द्वारा पीड़ितों को हुए नुकसान की पूरी भरपाई की जाए। घायलों को नौकरी दी जाए और अस्थाई चेक डैम को पक्का किया जाए, जिससे भविष्य में अनहोनी को रोका जाए।

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (DR. SASMIT PATRA): The following hon. Members associated themselves with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member, Shrimati Phulo Devi Netam: Shrimati Jebi Mather Hisham (Kerala), Shri Niranjana Bishi (Odisha), Ms. Dola Sen (West Bengal), Dr. V. Sivadasan (Kerala) and Shri A. A. Rahim (Kerala).

**Demand to increase the bed strength at ESIC Medical College and PGIMSR,
K.K. Nagar, Chennai to 1,200**

DR. KANIMOZHI NVN SOMU (Tamil Nadu): Sir, the ESIC Medical College & PGIMSR, Kalaignar Karunanidhi Nagar, Chennai is one of the most important centres for health care services especially to lakhs of people in Chennai. This hospital was initially commissioned as a 250 bedded hospital in the year 1979 and was under the control of Tamil Nadu State Government till 1991. To open a Zonal Occupational Diseases Centre in South India, the hospital was taken over and is being run by the ESI Corporation, New Delhi from 1991. Presently, this hospital is functioning as a Model Hospital with multi-specialty treatment facility and Occupational Diseases Centre. The Hospital is catering to referral cases from 15 ESI dispensaries and other hospitals in Chennai covering an insured population of over 5 Lakhs. There are several lakh employees in and around Chennai needing quality medical care. Providing social security to insured workers, bringing more workers from unorganised sector under the ambit of ESI Scheme, service delivery augmentation is the need of the hour service. For this the current strength of specialist doctors needs to be increased adequately. There are several issues pertaining to the medical, paramedical and non medical staff in this hospital which needs to be addressed immediately.

I urge the union Government to increase the bed strength at ESIC Medical College & PGIMSR, K.K. Nagar, Chennai to 1,200 and to develop a state-of-the-art cath lab and a separate oncology block to cater the needs of millions of workers population in Greater Chennai Region. Thank you.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (DR. SASMIT PATRA): The following hon. Members associated themselves with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member, Dr.