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Medical services likely to be hit as outsourced staff threatens stir

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MEDICAL services are likely to be disrupted in government hospitals and medical colleges as the outsourced employees have warned of boycotting work indefinitely if the state government fails to revise their salaries.

Speaking to media persons here on Thursday, convenor of Government Hospitals and Medical Colleges Outsourced Workers Association R Babu said though the government has ordered to revise the salary of outsourced workers in the state, the health and labour departments have not taken any steps in this regard.

He alleged that there are over 2,000 D-group outsourced employees in government hospi-

tals and medical colleges across the state and their salary is ranging from ₹1,200 to a maximum of ₹10,000 and many of them have been working for more than 10 years on the same salary.

"We will give a deadline of 15 days to the government to increase our salaries to ₹18,000 to ₹20,000 and if the government fails to meet our demands, we will stop working," he said.

"If we raise our voice seeking an increase in the salary, our contractors threaten to fire us," he regretted. Babu said these employees, including house-keeping and other workers don't have social and economic security. They work for more than eight hours, without them the health department can't ensure good services to the patients in the hospitals, he said.