## Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding internet connectivity issues in Palakkad, Kerala - laid

SHRI V.K. SREEKANADAN (PALAKKAD): Mobile has become an integral part of everyone's life in the country. The importance of mobile has further strengthened due to Covid 19 as everything has moved on to online from activities ranging from Panchayat to higher education and what not. However, all depends upon its connectivity. In my parliamentary constituency, Palakkad, there are connectivity problems in many places. I had brought this to the notice of the Hon'ble Minister. In the absence of electricity and its intermittent supply and poor signal or mobile connectivity, the students were not able to cope up with online classes and worst hit were more than 6,000 tribal students living in Attappadi which is one of the largest tribal settlements in Kerala. Therefore, I urge upon the government to direct the concerned to put up more mobile towers in the entire district of Palakkad to tide over mobile connectivity problems.