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Title: Demand to launch a dedicated programme for economic development of Dalits, tribals and Muslims in the country.

SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH (MAVELIKKARA): Hon. Speaker, Sir, there is a shocking report. Recently it has come out in the newspapers. So, I would like draw, through you, the attention of the Government to this.

The 2009 Global Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) from the UN Development Programme and the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative found that 50 per cent of tribals in the country are below poverty line, as are 30 per cent of Dalits and 30 per cent of Muslims. By taking this report into account, I urge upon the Government to launch a dedicated programme with specific fiscal allocations and engagements at societal level to ensure last mile development of Dalits, tribals and Muslims and to ameliorate the situation leading to poor health, poor quality of work and threat of violence forming multidimensional poverty. The Government must launch a special plan in mission mode for achieving this target and for achieving the objective of sustainable development by 2030. A revised SC/ST sub-plan and revised Sachar report implementation be initiated by the Government to reduce multidimensional poverty.

Thank you.

