

### **Regarding road connectivity between Kunnur-Calicut-Mysore**

**SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN (VADAKARA):** Sir, I would like to raise a matter regarding the incompleteness of Poozhithode - Padinjarathara alternative road at Kozhikode to connect Mysore and Bangalore. It is a 27.225-kilometre distance road starting from Poozhithode in Kozhikode district and ending at Padinjarathara in Wayanad district (State Highway 54). If the construction is completed, it will be connected to Bengaluru through Mananthavady and Mysore. Due to heavy traffic block at hairpin turning in Thamarassery and other passes to Wayanad, it will be really difficult for the public to reach their destination in time. It is estimated that around 52 acres of forest land will be lost for the construction of the said road, and 104 acres of land have been given in lieu of it by Padinjarathara Gram Panchayat in Wayanad district and Changaroth Panchayat in Kozhikode district. But till now, the road has not received the permission of the Union Ministry of Environment.

I request the Environment Ministry to take necessary steps for the environmental clearance of this road project. It is a very important subject. I hope the Government will take appropriate steps on this subject.