

Request to introduce a comprehensive Bill to ensure cabin facilities in public places for lactating mothers

SHRI ANTO ANTONY (PATHANAMTHITTA): I request the Government to kindly introduce a comprehensive Bill to ensure cabin facilities for lactating mothers to breastfeed their infants in public places. Many mothers face challenges when it comes to finding suitable and private spaces to breastfeed in public. A Bill to ensure that breastfeeding cabins in public spaces including parks, airports, bus terminals, convention centres, auditoriums, shopping malls, and Government buildings, is the need of the hour to redress the grievance in this regard. Provision of such a facility shall promote a breastfeeding-friendly environment and support mothers in their choice to breastfeed infants. The proposed Bill may have guidelines for the design, location, and facilities of breastfeeding cabins, taking into consideration the comfort and privacy of lactating mothers and infants. Moreover, the Bill may have provisions to establish a regulatory authority to monitor the facilities at the aforementioned cabins.

HON. CHAIRPERSON: I called out the name of Mr. Reddeppa, but you took the chance. It is okay.