

**Title:** Requested to include Kerala in the new scheme for rural roads.

SHRI P.C. THOMAS : Sir, the hon. Prime Minister has yesterday declared a scheme for rural roads. An amount of Rs.5,000 crore has been sanctioned. Though the formal announcement came only yesterday, the matter was worked out earlier. It is a matter of great sorrow that Kerala does not find a place in that scheme. There is no rural road scheme for Kerala. Kerala has been absolutely left out in the newly announced Rs.5,000 crore scheme. I do not know why it has been left out. It is a scheme to connect the villages. It is a scheme where Rs.5,000 crore is being spent. So, no State should be left out because it is a very, very important scheme. It is going to be a big scheme if it is going to be implemented. So, I request that some urgent action has to be taken to include Kerala State also and to connect all the villages by way of this new road scheme.â€ ( व्यवधान )