

**Title:** Need to provide telecom facilities at Mampazhatara, Champanaruvi and Rosemala in Adoor parliamentary constituency, Kerala.

SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH (ADOOR): Sir, Adoor parliamentary constituency in Kerala is a backward remote and hilly area. This constituency is covered by two districts, which are Quilon and Pathanamthitta. Most of the area is covered by thick forest and the people of this area are very poor. The Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe inhabitants' places such as Mampazhatara, Champanaruvi and Rosemala in Adoor parliamentary constituency are yet to avail telecom facility.

These three places are under Kollam SSA at Kerala Circle. In each place more than 2000 families are residing and most of the families are backward. There are a number of tribal and Scheduled Caste colonies. The surrounding area of these places is covered by thick forests. The nearest telephone exchange is 14 to 15 kms away. If there occurs any incident at these places, people do not have contact anywhere. Telecom officials are not taking any step to provide telephone facilities in these places despite a number of applicants waiting for new telephone connections. They are still waitlisted. The Telephone Department is avoiding these places because of the length of existing exchange.

Therefore, I would request the Government of India, Ministry of Communications, through the House, to provide telephone connections at the earliest.