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Title: Need to include Alappuzha district of Kerala under National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005.

DR. K.S. MANOJ (ALLEPPEY): Sir, the Government has decided to extend the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme to another 130 new districts in the country. So, the total number districts covered under this Scheme today are 330 districts in all. The Government also has allocated a sum of Rs. 12,000 crore for the proper implementation of this scheme.

Sir, on the other day the hon. Minister for Rural Development has announced the names of the districts to be included under this scheme during the current year. Alapuzha district in Kerala is one of the backward districts in the State. [\[R23\]](#)

Sir, the di[\[MSOffice24\]](#)istrict falls in the coastal region of Kerala State and the density of the population there is also very high. Alappuzha district is one of the districts where severe agrarian crisis is there. The declining per capita income of the workers and marginal self-employment in agriculture, coir and fisheries have resulted in poverty. Unfortunately, Alappuzha is not included in the current list.

I would urge upon the Minsiter for Rural Development who is present here to consider Alappuzha also to be included under NREG.