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Title: Need to open a branch of State Bank of India at Shiggaon, district Haveri, Karnataka.

SHRI MANJUNATH KUNNUR (DHARWAD SOUTH): Sir, I wish to state that Shiggaon comes under my Parliamentary Constituency. Shiggaon is the taluk headquarters situated on NH between Pune and Bangalore. At present, there is only one National bank, namely, Canara Bank, which is not in a position to take care of the growing financial dealings of the people in the locality. People in Shiggaon have to wait for a long period of time to get the things done in Canara Bank. There is no other bank in the vicinity except a few cooperative banks. Shiggaon taluk is one of the most educationally, socially, economically backward taluks in Northern part of Karnataka. If something is lacking in Shiggaon Taluk and is much desired for by the people of this area, it is one more nationalized bank. A large number of multi-lingual population is residing.

In 1994, 10th Karnataka State Reserve Police (KSRP) Permanent Battalion was established at Shiggaon and a township was created with a population of 5,000. Shiggaon mainly depends on agricultural activities and it is an upcoming town. Hence, it has become absolutely necessary to set up a branch of State Bank of India in Shiggaon Taluka.

Under the circumstances, on behalf of the people of my parliamentary constituency, I would like to request the Hon'ble Finance Minister, through you, to instruct the officials concerned to set up a branch of State Bank of India in Shiggaon, District Haveri, Karnataka immediately.