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Title: Need to provide financial assistance to the Government of Kerala for the modernization of Kerala State Road Transport Corporation-laid.

SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH (MAVELIKKARA): The Kerala State Road Transport Corporation is providing transport facilities to lakhs of people not only in urban areas, but also in the rural, tribal and the hilly areas.

Due to various reasons, operational and administrative, high cost of diesel and petrol and increase in the rates of spare parts, the Kerala State Road Transport Corporation is facing serious financial crisis. Even though the Kerala Government is providing financial assistance from time to time, but it is not sufficient. Therefore, the financial liability of the Kerala State Road Transport Corporation to the oil companies, companies supplying spare parts are very high. The salaries, pensions and other allowances to the staff and pensioners are adding burden to the Corporation. The Kerala State Road Transport Corporation is not getting any financial aid from national or international organization to support the Corporation for modernization and for purchase of new buses.

The conditions of buses are very poor and the new technologies have not been introduced in the State till now.

In this situation, to give boost to the public utility service like Kerala State Road Transport Corporation, the Union Government should provide financial assistance to them to overcome the present financial crisis.

I, therefore, urge upon the Union Government to provide financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 1,000 crores immediately to the Kerala State Road Transport Corporation for providing better services to the people of Kerala.