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Title: Need to make the usage of ATM free.

SHRI V. ELUMALAI (ARANI): Hon. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the Government about the issue of providing ATM facility free of charge.

It may please be recalled that earlier there was no charge for using the ATM. But, of late, banks have started charging Rs. 20 or Rs. 25 for using the ATM. In view of millions of bank accounts being opened on the appeal of the hon. Prime Minister under the Jan Dhan Yojana, it is obvious that the use of ATM would also increase considerably. As such, these accounts have been opened for the poor people who are surviving on the aid provided by the Government. Now they will have to spend money for each ATM transaction, which will be an additional burden on the poor people.

Hence, I would request the Finance Minister that he may please consider making the usage of ATM free once again. Thank you, Sir.