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Title: Regarding construction of a bridge over river Bhavani in Palakkad district, Kerala.-Laid

**SHRI V.K. SREEKANDAN (PALAKKAD):** The death of tribal infant children is going on unabated in Attappadi Taluk in Palakkad district. Again on 14.7.2022, death of an infant child of a couple of Murugala ooru of this taluk took place. Tribals of this taluk have to walk many kilometres to avail of medical facilities. There are no basic facilities available to the tribal hamlets falling in the forest areas and no vehicle can reach these hamlets in case of emergency. There is an urgent need to construct a bridge over river Bhavani and road leading to the proposed bridge, so that these people could avail medical treatment. I have raised issues concerning the plight of these tribal people many times in this august House, including a demand to set up a development authority to take care of this tribal people. Therefore, I urge upon the Government to take all measures to prevent the death of children in Attappadi taluk urgently by creating all necessary basic facilities which can be possible by setting up a development authority.