

Need to set up branches of nationalised banks and install sufficient ATMs in rural areas of Mavelikkara Parliamentary Constituency, Kerala ? Laid

SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH (MAVELIKKARA): I wish to raise an important matter concerning the financial inclusion and economic well-being of rural areas in my constituency, Mavelikkara. Despite advancements in banking outreach, several rural regions such as Changanassery, Kuttanad, Chengannur, Mavelikkara, Kunnathoor, Kottarakkara, and Pathanapuram face a severe shortage of nationalized banking branches and ATM facilities. The lack of adequate banking infrastructure is a major impediment for farmers, small traders, senior citizens, and marginalized communities, who are unable to access essential financial services, government schemes, and cashless transaction facilities. This has led to increased travel burdens and financial insecurity among rural populations. I urge the Hon'ble Minister of Finance to take immediate steps to address this critical issue by sanctioning new branches of nationalized banks and ensuring sufficient ATM installations in these areas. Such initiatives will bolster financial inclusion, promote economic stability, and improve the standard of living for the people in these regions. I request the government's urgent intervention to resolve this long-standing issue.