

### **Need to increase allocation under MPLAD Scheme-Laid**

**SHRI BENNY BEHANAN (CHALAKUDY):** The MPLADS allocation has remained stagnant despite a significant rise in inflation and cost index over the years. This has made the current funds inadequate to meet the growing development needs of our constituencies. Many constituencies, including Chalakudy Parliamentary Constituency, comprise more than seven Assembly segments, making it challenging to equitably allocate resources, leaving critical needs unmet. Moreover, the scope of MPLADS projects has expanded to include infrastructure, education, healthcare, and disaster management, further straining the limited allocation. Increasing MPLADS funds is crucial for ensuring faster and inclusive development, particularly in geographically vast and socio-economically disadvantaged regions. MPLADS also strengthens the bond between MPs and their constituents by addressing local issues effectively. I urge the Government to immediately revise and increase the MPLADS allocation, considering the rising cost index and expanded responsibilities, to ensure equitable and sustainable development.