

### **Need to address the problems faced by the Department of Posts-Laid**

**ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE (IDUKKI):** The Ministry of Communications and Postal Board are on the move to categorize various branches of the Postal Department, as an en-route towards privatization. As a first phase almost 19500 delivery post offices are being congregated under countable delivery centers by the mechanization of delivery beats of existing POs. As a result of this postman have to travel kilometers to deliver an article from the isolated delivery centers. This idea of demolishing the private couriers is absolutely wrong since the DOPs most factual point is that India Post have an extensive networks which have their branches or roots in every nook and corner of our country which can never be replaced by any private courier services in the near future. The DOP is centralizing their delivery centers at a time when the private couriers are trying to decentralize their delivery centers in order to have a reach in all places even in urban as well as rural areas. Hence, I request the Government to initiate a discussion with the service unions to address their concerns and drop this idea totally.