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Title: Need to accord approval to the proposal of State Government of Kerala for sanction of funds for construction and repair of roads in the State.

SHRI P.C. CHACKO (THRISSUR): The State of Kerala has about 1.5 lakh kilometers of roads with hundred percent connectivity to the villages. Out of these, the PWD maintains about 4341 kms State Highways and 18,900 kms MDR. The State receives rainfall for more than seven months in a year which causes heavy damage to the roads. Earlier, the Central Government Schemes like Central Road Fund, Interstate Connectivity Scheme and Economic Importance Scheme have helped in the improvement and development of many roads in the State.

The State Government has submitted a proposal of Rs. 1620.57 crores for improvement of the State roads under the above schemes. I urge upon the Central Government to take an early favourable action in this matter.