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Title: Demand of the welfare schemes for the poor people of forward communities.

SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH (MAVELIKKARA): Hon. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, thank you. I would like to invite the attention of the Government, through you, towards the dilemma of the people belonging to the forward communities who are economically backward and are living below the poverty line.

In Kerala, the social service organisations like the century-old Nair Service Society and similar other organisations are demanding welfare schemes for the poor people of forward communities. In order to tide over the difficult situation of the poor people from the forward communities, we have to ensure that they get equal opportunities in education and employment.

For finding a solution to the problem, the UPA Government has set up a Commission to study the problems of the forward communities, under the chairmanship of Justice Singhu and the Report is with the Government now. The recommendations of the Justice Singhu Commission may be considered and implemented at the earliest.

A Corporation for the development of Forward Communities may be set up on the lines of the Corporation for the Development of Forward Communities established by Government of Kerala at the national level....(*Interruptions*)

Through the said Corporation, several developmental schemes like educational scholarships, fellowships, education loans, vocational training, self-employment programmes, grants, assistance for marriages, etc. can be implemented. This will be a great support to the economically poor people belonging to forward communities.