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Title: Need to provide a special financial package to Kerala for providing basic amenities to pilgrims visting Sabarimala temple in the State.

SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH (MAVELIKKARA): Hon. Speaker, Chengannur Municipality in Kerala with 27 Wards and more than 30,000 population is the gateway to Sabarimala. Even though the population of Chengannur is 30,000, during Sabarimala pilgrimage season three crore Pilgrims visit Sabarimala using Chengannur as their transit point. The Chengannur Municipality is struggling to provide basic amenities for the pilgrims during their visit. The Municipality requires huge infrastructure facilities to cater to the requirements of the pilgrims viz. drinking water facilities, drainage system, toilets, bathing places, waste disposal system, upgradation of taluk hospital, providing adequate light and electricity, dormitories and Yatri niwas etc. for short stay of the pilgrims. The devotees used to take bath at Pamba River where proper lighting and bathing ghats need to be constructed. Chengannur Mahadeva temple has a pond which also needs to be renovated with the ghats. In order to provide basic amenities to the visiting pilgrims to Sabarimala, a special package of Rs. 250 Crore may be sanctioned to Chengannur Municipality by the Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India.