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Title: Need to open a branch of nationalized bank at Akkondapalli in Krishnagiri district of Tamil Nadu.

SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR (KRISHNAGIRI): Thank you, hon. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, for calling me to raise this important issue.

In my constituency Krishnagiri, Akkondapalli is a main village in Denkanikottai taluk. There are 12 villages namely Akkondapalli, Bairamangalam, M. Agrapharam, Achichettyalli, Sudakondapalli, Karakondapalli, Manjalagiri, Kundhumaranpalli, Sankarapuram, Jothipuram, Kuttur and Pasandiram in its surrounding.

There are auto industries, granite factories, packaging factories and furniture factories in Akkondapalli. More than 1,000 residential units are there and employees and labourers of factories are residing in Akkondapalli.

A successfully functioning Pallavan Bank was shifted to Hosur seven years back. Since then no bank has opened any branch in Akkondapalli. The people of 12 villages, industries and factories in Akkondapalli are suffering much while carrying out their banking transactions traveling 12 kilometres to Hosur and seven kilometers to Kelamangalam.

On the request of the Akkondapalli public, I would request, through your good offices, the hon. Finance Minister to sanction and open a nationalized bank branch in Akkondapalli.

Thank you, hon. Deputy-Speaker, Sir.