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Title: Need to provide better communication facilities to Jawathu hill regions in Tamil Nadu-Laid.

SHRID. VENUGOPAL (TIRUPPATTUR): Jawathu hill region in the borders of Thiruvannamalai and Vellore Districts contain villages like Jamunamuthur, Pudurnadu, Nellivasal Nadu, Arsavalli, Kovilur, Kalyana Manthai, Thoppur, Kootathur, Athipet, Verrappanur, Komuteri, Koppiretti, Pudhupet, which are about 28 in all. For many centuries these habitations are there in the deep jungles.

Even after 50 years of independence basic amenities like drinking water, road communication, primary health centres and Public Distribution System have not entirely reached the people of these regions. Even the efforts of the State Administration could not meet with success due to lack of road communication.

Vehicles like jeeps even of the State agencies cannot reach the people living there. It becomes difficult for Government officials to reach those villages. The tribal people of those regions face great economic difficulties and some do not have even minimum clothing facilities. The development of these villages depends on the non-Governmental organisations to a large extent.

The situation must change. All the twenty one Integrated Rural Development Programmes must reach them. For this, road communication must be ensured. Let the Union Government continue to have control over Jawathu hill region and help the State Administration with adequate road communication facility to uplift the poor people by relaxing the norm for construction of road through the jungles.