



Chief Minister Oommen Chandy enquires about the health of Mr. Shameem Kuniyil Aloomkandiyl, a paralysed person, during his mass contact programme in Malappuram on Thursday.

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CM admits total admin failure

■ Says big response to mass contact shows failure of political leadership too

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The huge response to the mass contact programme is a sign of the overall failure of the administrative system in the state, the chief minister, Mr. Oommen Chandy, said while inaugurating the programme at Malappuram on Thursday.

The chief minister also made the political leadership in the state responsible for this overall poor quality of the administration.

Mr. Chandy has to attend over 50,000 complaints from various sections of the society received at the programme, sources said.

Even people from remote villages reached the town to present their grievances before the chief minister.

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Mr. Chandy was accompanied by his cabinet colleagues Aryadan Mohammad, P.K. Kunahli Kutty, Abdul Rab, A.P. Anil Kumar, MLAs and members of Parliament from the district.

Boon for many: The mass contact programme came as blessing to the family of Keeran, Chembrankunnu Veetil at Kondotty with three children who is afflicted by a rare disease.

The pathetic situation of Keeran's family came to the light when the children attended the mass contact programme.

A.P. Anilkumar, the state minister for Scheduled Castes and tourism, has sanctioned Rs 75,000 to the family of Keeran. Sajitha, the 23-year old daughter of Keeran, is bedridden for the past 10 years and suffering from a hereditary spastic syndrome.

Her two younger brothers are also suffering from the same problem. The financial aid will be a great relief, said Keeran, who is a labourer.