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Title: Regarding conservation and promotion of Koulas Fort in Zahirabad Parliamentary Constituency, Telengana.

**SHRI B. B. PATIL (ZAHIRABAD):** Madam, thank you. In my Zahirabad Parliamentary constituency, there is a fort known as Koulas Fort which was constructed in 14<sup>th</sup> Century by Kakatiya rulers.

It has a rich history. It was built by the Kakatiyas, and later on conquered by the Muslim rulers, the Bhamani rulers, the Kutubshah rulers followed by the Nizam rulers. In 1857, this Fort was used for the freedom struggle by King Rajdeep Singh against the British rulers.

The Fort has 55 bastions and 12 Mahadwar entries. Such historic Fort is in a dilapidated condition. Neither the Archaeological Department nor the Tourism Department is showing any interest to maintain it.

Tourists coming to this Fort have almost stopped. I have repeatedly requested the Ministry concerned regarding the development of this Fort. But I did not receive any positive response.

Through the hon. Chair, I once again request the hon. Minister to look into the matter and save the important and historical Fort located in my Parliamentary constituency at the earliest. Thank you.