Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Request to turn the fort in Faridkot into a museum to promote tourism.

*SHRI MOHAMMAD SADIQUE (FARIDKOT): Thank you, Sir, for giving me the opportunity to speak on a matter of urgent public importance.

Sir, I urge upon the Tourism Minister to kindly listen to my demand. I hail from a place that is home of respected Baba Farid. It is a historic tourist place. An annual fair is held here in the memory of Baba Farid. The Dussehra fair is also an important occasion here.

Sir, Punjab is the land of fairs. Punjabis throng these fairs in large numbes. They even come from abroad. Celebrated Punjabi poet Dhani Ram Chatrik has said:

"People were very happy throughout the fair Full of zeal and zest, the Jat came to visit the fair."

Sir, a fort is also present here. It can be turned into a museum. Tourism should be developed here and the city should become a tourism hub. This will also give boost to the business and trade in the region. Thank you. Jai Hind.