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Title: Need to open a special tourism circuit in Thrissur, Kerala.

**SHRI T. N. PRATHAPAN (THRISSUR):** Hon. Chairperson, Sir, Thrissur is the cultural capital of Kerala. It is a land with wonderful spirit of celebrations, and festivals like the world-famous Thrissur Pooram. Thrissur is a beautiful model of social harmony. You can see the most famous religious places of all religions in Thrissur. Guruvayur Shri Krishna Temple, Thrissur Vadakkumnath Temple, Koodalmanikyam Temple, Thriprayar Shri Rama Temple, Cheraman Juma Masjid which is India's first Masjid, Palayur Church which is India's first church, pilgrim places of Saint Anthony's Church at Ollur, and Saint Mother Mariam Thresia Church in Irinjalakkuda are some of them. Thrissur is the land of different experiences also. The largest elephant sanctuary in Asia is in Guruyavur, Thrissur. The flora and fauna of Thrissur with wide beaches, waterfalls, dams, backwaters, and forests is most beautiful. All these are attracting numerous visitors and tourists from all around the world to Thrissur. I believe that Thrissur is the most apt place for a special integrated circuit of pilgrim, heritage, culture and eco-tourism in our country. I request the Central Government to consider a special tourism circuit in Thrissur.

**HON. CHAIRPERSON :** Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma is permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri T.N. Prathapan.