

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding construction of waste to energy plant at Peringamala in Attingal Parliamentary Constituency of Kerala

**ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH (ATTINGAL):** Sir, I would like to draw the urgent attention of this House to an important matter regarding the proposed setting

up of waste energy plant at Peringamala in Trivandrum district, Kerala.

Peringamala is a part of the Agasthyamala Biosphere Reserve, a UNESCO-recognised region of tropical evergreen forests in the Western Ghats. It was listed as an ecologically sensitive area by the Kerala State Biodiversity Board. The plant will be set up near a tribal settlement in the area.

According to the local residents, no public consultations were done for the project. The unilateral manner in which the project undertaken has irked the local community. They are in protest against the establishment of plant since last one year.

Peringamala is home for many diverse plant species and medicinal plants. Polluting the Vamanapuram river will adversely affect the drinking water needs of people living in the surrounding areas.

I would like to request the Government to examine the matter and take an appropriate decision considering the concerns of local people.