

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Need to take steps to promote tourism in Rajahmundry Parliamentary Constituency, Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI MARGANI BHARAT (RAJAHMUNDRY): Mr. Speaker, Sir, thank you for allowing me to speak during the 'Zero Hour'.

Hon. Members are raising many worthy issues during the 'Zero Hour'. I would like to know on how many issues raised by the hon. Members the Departments concerned have taken action. Through you, I would like to ask this question to the hon. Ministers.

Last time I raised an issue regarding sports. The Budget has allotted only Rs. 2,000 crore for development of sports. Today, I would like to raise an issue regarding tourism. In this world, so many countries are dependent on tourism. Our country is having a lot of natural resources. So, there is a lot of scope to improve tourism in our country. Is the Central Government considering tourism as one of the revenue-generating sources for our country? If we attract foreign tourists, we can get a lot of dollar inflow and in turn our economy will also grow. Hence, I request the Hon. Minister of Tourism, through you, to concentrate on tourism as much as he could.

I would like to point out an issue regarding my Constituency, Rajahmundry. In Rajahmundry, we have a Havelock Bridge. It is a heritage Bridge. We have to concentrate on our heritage tourism. A lot of olden and ancient treasures and historic monuments can be restored and can be made tourist attractions so that we can earn a lot of revenue from tourism.

