

Seventeenth Loksabha

Title: Regarding Infrastructure facilities for promotion of Cruise Tourism at Dugarajapatnam Port.

SHRI MADDILA GURUMOORTHY (TIRUPATI): Thank you, hon. Speaker Sir, for giving me this opportunity.

The roadmap for development of cruise tourism has been made jointly by the Ministry of Tourism and the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways. The passenger traffic which was 0.2 million in 2016 is projected to increase to four million in 2041. It would also lead to creation of 2,50,000 jobs. There is a need to make cruise tourism more competitive by improving the infrastructure and by developing and promoting tourist destinations and projects.

In my Tirupati Parliamentary Constituency, *Dugarajapatnam area has a lot of potential. It plays a major role in development of cruise tourism in India. So, there is a need for some enhancements such as development of appropriate infrastructure for handling cruise vessels and also facilitating ease of movement of passengers.*

Adding Dugarajapatnam area in cruise line destination will enable tourists to have a unique and memorable experience in Tirupati district.

I request, through you, Sir, the hon. Minister of Tourism to develop infrastructure facilities for promotion of cruise tourism at Dugarajapatnam Port.
Thank you.

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