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Title: Regarding Promotion of Jallikattu and declaring it as a National Festival under culture category.

SHRI P. RAVINDHRANATH (THENI): Sir, Jallikattu is an ancient bull taming sport in Tamil Nadu, the most prominent event of which is conducted in Alaganallur, Avaniyapuram, Palamedu, Ayyampatti and Pallavarayanpatti in my Theni Parliamentary Constituency.

The ancient Jallikattu festival was banned due to the reason/actions taken by the last UPA Government. Huge protests have also happened in Chennai. Jallikattu can happen only with the support of our hon. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji with the steps taken by the former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru O. Panneerselvam.

Sir, the promotion of Jallikattu will simultaneously open up avenues for supplementary income for the local villagers who breed the bulls. Sir, I hence wish to request the Government to allocate special funds through the Ministry of Tourism and Culture to promote our nation's ancient cultural heritage of Jallikattu and declare Jallikattu as a national festival under the culture category.