

**Title: Re: Inclusion of Arulmigu Theerthagirishwarar Temple
under the PRASAD Scheme.**

DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR S. (DHARMAPURI): The Theerthagirishwara temple which is located in Theerthamalai is an important sacred place in Harur Taluk of my Parliamentary Constituency.

The temple was built in 7th century with liberal contribution made by the Chola, Pandya and Vijayanagar kings. Several inscriptions are found in this temple. One of the inscriptions refers that King Rajendra Cholan regularly visited this temple. Footfalls to the temple are increasing and more people from other district and states are visiting the temple. Integrated tourism development of heritage city, local arts, handicrafts etc is very much needed which in turn would generate livelihood and strengthen the mechanism of bridging the infrastructure gap.

Hence, I urge upon the Hon'ble Minister of Tourism to select Arulmigu Theerthagirishwarar Temple under Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive Scheme (PRASAD).