

Title : Need to provide a special financial package for Temples in Thrissur-Laid.

**SHRI T. N. PRATHAPAN (THRISSUR):** A recent Parliamentary Standing Committee report mentioning that temples and forts in Kerala shall be protected and preserved. There has been continuous efforts to bring Government's attention to the necessity of preserving temples in Thrissur. I had requested for a pilgrim tourism circuit in Thrissur through various submissions. The Vadakkumnatha Temple in Thrissur which hosts famous Thrissur Pooram is included in the UNESCO's list. Sree Rama Swamy temple in Thriprayar, Koodal Manikyam Temple in Irinjalakuda and Sree Kurumba Bhagavathi temple in Kodungallur are having commendable position in heritage and are considered one of the most important destination in pilgrimage tourism. All these temples deserve a special financial package considering the importance of these temples.