

Regarding establishment of tourism corridor between Kodaikanal and Munnar-laid

SHRI SACHITHANANTHAM R. (DINDIGUL): Kodaikanal, the Queen of hills is the evergreen choice of tourist of hundreds of foreigners and Indians all over the Seasons. The Ancient Tamils used to cultivate different agricultural products and cash crops through their age-old culture observed from their fore fathers. They used to make In-roads upto kilavarai and reached out to Vattavadai, Kovilur by engaging horses, ponies, for transporting their products with the markets at Kodaikanal and Munnar before separation of Statehood. British rulers have used as Escape Route during world war times.

In the present context, anyone taking ride from Berijam lake, Kodaikanal visit the Top Station, Boomparai - The Murugan Temple built by Siddhar Bohar of Ancient times with Thasabasanam to Kilavarai and reachout to Vattavadai, Kovilur and Munnar and visit Anamudi and Eravi Kulam Park and make his stay at Munnar on a single day.

The points of importance are that the two major tourist places on the Western Ghat is at the distance of 16 kms. It is also important to note that upto Kilavarai in Tamil Nadu and Vattavadai in Kerala is already having road access for tourist and marketing of spices and only 11 kms stretch in the forest area is to be connected.

It is my earnest appeal to the Government that those necessary steps to construct green in road/flyover connecting Kodaikanal and Munnar without hampering the Wild life and the Nature. If it is done anyone can visit from Berijam Lake to Top Station and reach Munnar and visit their place of choice make a halt to visit Anamudi on a single day. The growth of tourism will augur the income of both the States and Tourists will also be happier to visit both the hill stations in a single day. Agriculturists and marketers can find fine prices for their products.

The establishment of tourism Corridor between Kodaikanal and Munnar is not a new one but the Revival of our Traditional path for the welfare of both the States and to augment the Revenue in interest of the Nation.

I earnestly hope that the Government must accomplish this scheme for the welfare of the Agriculturist, Tourist and National Interest.