

**Request to make provisions for free or affordable accommodation for the devotees in the ongoing Temple Corridor Project under the Tripura State**

**SHRIMATI KRITI DEVI DEBBARMAN (TRIPURA EAST):** Madam, I would like to inform the House that my State of Tripura has a very famous and divine Siddha Peeth, the Mata Tripura Sundari Temple, which is also a Shakti Peeth. The temple is situated at Matabari, and is the most sacred pilgrimage for the people of Tripura, both for the indigenous tribal people and for the non-tribal people.

Devotees from different parts of the State, especially the indigenous tribal people who belong to the lower income groups find it difficult to find any affordable accommodation to stay for a night or even to make a short transit.

I would request the Tourism Minister to kindly ensure that the ongoing Temple Corridor project, which is currently under the Tripura State Government, must have provisions for free or affordable accommodation for the devotees, primarily the indigenous people.

This will create employment opportunity for the local youth as well. Also, additional steps to put the temple on the National and International Tourism Map must be taken as it will boost the overall economy of the region.

Today being world indigenous day, I wish everyone and the people in the House who belong to the indigenous tribe, a very, very happy indigenous day.

Thank you, Madam. Thank you for giving me an opportunity to speak