Title: Need to develop Pitchavaram in Tamil Nadu as a place of tourist resort.

SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY (CHIDAMBARAM): Madam, Pitchavaram in my constituency, Chidambaram, in Tamil Nadu, is a place of tourist attraction. This is a beautiful place, surrounded by back-waters with natural groves and canals. This can be developed by the Tourism Ministry by providing boating yards, site seeing facilities, which will certainly attract thousands of people not only from the constituency but also from the surrounding districts, earning revenues for the Government.

Tourism Ministry, Government of India, should develop this place with hotel, boating and other infrastructures so that hundreds of people could be benefited both directly and indirectly by creating shopping complex and other facilities.

I request the hon. Minister for Tourism and Culture to develop Pitchavaram as a major tourist attraction to earn revenue for the Government and employment to hundreds of people of the area. Thank you very much.