

**Title: Need to allocate adequate funds for construction of a dam at Courtallam National Tourist Centre, Tamil Nadu.**

**SHRI S. MURUGESAN (TENKASI):** Madam Chairperson, Courtallam is a well-known national tourist centre in Tamil Nadu. The falls here are frequented by lakhs of people all over the country. People belonging to all sections of the society can afford this tourist centre. Unfortunately, during off-season period, there is no water supply in the falls.

It is therefore suggested that a minor dam of about 600 metres length above three kilometres from the falls at Therku Malai wherein natural barriers on three sides are available between both the hills can be constructed. If the dam is constructed, it will ensure:

- i. Perennial supply of water in the falls throughout the year;
- ii. Lesser risk to tourists during floods;
- iii. Regular drinking water supply in the area; and
- iv. Irrigation facilities to crops in the area.

Therefore, I urge upon the Government to allocate adequate funds for construction of the dam with a view to promoting tourism.

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