

**Title:** Request the Central Government to include the Mangalore-Bekal-Kappad and Kozhikode Vythiri-Sultan Battery-Mysore travel circuit of Kerala in the list of recognised circuits.

SHRI T. GOVINDAN (KASARGOD): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the Union Government and the hon. Minister for Surface Transport towards the request of Kerala Government to include the third travel circuit in the list of circuits recognised for intensive development under the Action Plan for Tourism.

This circuit is in the northern part of Kerala, namely, Mangalore-Bekal-Kappad and Kozhikode Vythiri-Sultan Battery-Mysore, which has potential for intensive tourism development.

Press reports say that the then Union Minister of Tourism in November, 1996 had announced that this circuit has been sanctioned for Kerala. Considering the need for the overall development of the area which will boost the tourism industry also, I request the Union Government to issue formal orders for the recognition of this third travel circuit for Kerala immediately.

MR. SPEAKER: Please understand and take your seat.

... (Interruptions)

PROF. A.K. PREMAJAM (BADAGARA): Sir, thank you very much for the opportunity given. I, through you, would like to draw the attention of the Government to one issue. The Government of India have, so far, recognised only two travel circuits in Kerala under the National Action Plan for tourism. Kerala is awaiting the recognition of the third route, namely Mangalore - Bakel - Kappad - Kozhikode - Vythiri - Sultan Battery - Mysore, which will definitely connect Kerala with the neighbouring State, Karnataka and this will give great development to tourism as well as general development in the northern part of Kerala.

">In 1996 the then hon. Minister for Tourism, during the World Tourism Market in London, had announced specifically that this route would be the third travel circuit route in the National Plan. But, so far, we have not received any official communication in this respect.

">Therefore, I urge upon the Government and request that the Government be pleased to sanction this travel circuit route at the earliest as the third route in this Action Plan.

">Thank you. ... (Interruptions)