Title: Need to develop `Perupalem' in West Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh as a tourist spot.

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SHRI KRISHNAM RAJU (NARSAPUR): Madam Chairman, our hon. Minister of Tourism has stated that he wanted to increase the number of foreign tourists from 175 million to 200 million. We are having very good tourist spots. One of those ...(*Interruptions*)

MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI (GARHWAL): You have to read only the text. ...(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN: You must stick to the text supplied to you.

SHRI KRISHNAM RAJU (NARSAPUR): Perupalem which is one of the coastal areas in West Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh is a beautiful scenic place and tourist spot on the beach of Bay of Bengal. It is on the main National Highway, Tada-Ichapuram, which has been sanctioned and is under implementation. The Beach itself is quite lengthy and the place is centrally located and easily connected with all the points.

A proposal was sent to the then Minister of Tourism to develop this place, `Perupalem', as a tourist spot to attract tourists and to develop tourism infrastructure.

I would, therefore, request the hon. Minister of Tourism to expedite the proposal to develop this area and to take necessary action including sending a team to make on the spot study and for sanction of funds for this project.

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