

**Title:** Need to develop Murshidabad district in West Bengal as a tourist resort.

SHRI ADHIR CHOWDHARY (BERHAMPORE, WEST BENGAL): Madam, tourism is regarded as a smokeless and eco-friendly industry in the world. My district Murshidabad in West Bengal is the treasure trove of history and heritage. A number of places of interest are lying scattered throughout the district. The British political domination in India had been set out in the wake of battle of Plassy fought between Sirajuddaula and Clive Lloyd Watson on the bank of river Ganga on 23<sup>rd</sup> June in 1757. My district is known as the former capital of the then Bangla, Bihar and Orissa. Merchants from all over the world once enticed by famous silk, ivory craft, spices in Murshidabad and settled here, thus left legacy of history and culture. The former capital of Raja Sasanka had been excavated at village Karna Subarna. Now this place has been turned into an ideal place of Nature's Call much to the infancy of us.

I request the concerned Minister to take special measure to restore the glory of the district and develop it as a tourist centre. Thank you.