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Title : Regarding development of tourism in Chamarajanagar, Karnataka.

SHRI M. SHIVANNA (CHAMARAJANAGARA): Mr Chairman Sir, Chamarajanagar is a very backward district. Majority of the population in this constituency belongs to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other downtrodden groups. This district deserves the sympathy of the Government of India and substantial funds should be granted for the development of the district.

There are a number of very famous temples. They are (1) Temple at Malai Mahadeswara Hills – Kollegal Taluk (2) Biligirirangana Hills – Yalandur Taluk (3) Sreekanteswara Temple – Nanjanagud (4) Mahadeswara Temple – Chamarajanagara and many other temples are attracting a large number of devotees every day.

In addition to the above temples there are several beautiful and natural sceneries in the district which are worth visiting. Some of them are (1) Shimsha (2) Bluff (3) Hogainakal Falls (4) Bandipura and (5) Somanathapura. None of the above places has been developed as a tourist centre. Chamarajanagar became a district 7 years ago. Till now no development work has been taken up by the Government of India.

I therefore urge upon the Centre to allocate five crores of rupees for the development of the above places as tourist centres. In addition, separate funds should be allocated for renovation and maintenance of the temples mentioned above. I hope the Centre would take appropriate and immediate action in this regard.

I thank you Sir and with these words, I conclude my speech.

* English Translation of the speech originally delivered in Tamil.