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Title : Need to celebrate the centenary celebration of Late Shri Kengal Hanumanthaiyah, former Chief Minister of Karnataka and Union Railway Minister.

SHRIMATI TEJASWINI SEERAMESH (KANAKAPURA): Kengal Hanumanthaihya is the symbol of Mysore peta and Karnataka's pride. This greatest visionary and statesman was a close associate of Nehruji. He was born in 1908, later he plunged into freedom struggle as a student. He was one of the founder members of Mysore Congress in 1937, and president of Bangalore Congress. From 1950 to 1952, he was the leader of Mysore Legislative and president of Mysore Pradesh Congress. From 1952- to 1956 he was elected as the Chief Minister. He introduced education reforms and established literary and cultural departments in the State.

His efficient administration and achievement brought Bangalore on the world map. In this period, highest number of world dignitaries visited the capital. His greatest contribution to Karnataka is the magnificent, fabulous, and eternal monument called 'Vidhana Soudha' which houses the State Assembly and Council. It was his dream; he realised this dream and gifted to the people of Karnataka the 'Vidhana Soudha' which is our pride and the pride of every domestic and foreign tourist who visits it. He used the prisoners as work force to build 'Vidhana Soudha'. Thus, he was keen to save the taxpayers' money. In the year 2003, inspired by Vidhana Soudha, Chief Minister Shri S.M. Krishna built 'Vikasa Soudha' next to it, like Vidhana Soudha model.

He was instrumental in bringing together all the Kannada speaking areas and unification of the State, and he renamed it as Karnataka. As the Union Railway Minister, he brought punctuality in running of the trains. As the

* The speech was laid on the Table.

Chairman of the Administrative Reforms Committee of the Government of India, he produced very valuable report. His policies were marked with fervour and conviction. His honesty and integrity was well known. 'Kengal' is the personality which reflected the qualities of 'mass' and 'class'.

Today, I am fortunate to represent the 'Kanakapura' constituency in which the birthplace of 'Kengal' falls in my Channapatna Assembly Segment.

I urge upon the Government of India to take full interest to organise the preparation of centenary celebrations of this greatest soul. In this background, I would request the Government of India to develop the place of 'Kengal' as a national tourist spot. I would also request the Government of India to introduce a toy train on Darjeeling Model from Kengal to Ramanagar Hill areas, and name it as the 'Kengal' train, and to construct an international-level Convention Hall at Bangalore in his name.