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Title: Need to establish an eco-friendly water stadium at Aranmula in Kerala.

SHRIMATI C.S. SUJATHA (MAVELIKARA): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Aranmula temple is a famous pilgrim centre in the central Kerala. This place is also famous for art and craftsmanship. The Aranmula Mirror is unique and is known world over. The UNDP has accepted Aranmula as an ideal tourism village.

The Snake Boat Race of Aranmula being organised every year in front of the Parathasarathy temple in the Pamba river in which over 40 snake boats participate attracts thousands of people from the State as well as from outside including the foreigners. Those boats are owned by the local people in the village. This boat race festival is devoted to Lord Krishna. The boat race has a long history and the beginning of this magnificent event dates back to 13<sup>th</sup> Century A.D. Due to lack of sufficient water level in the river Pamba, the conducting of the boat race has been facing difficulties for the last couple of years. The State Government has submitted a project proposal to the Centre for the construction of a Rubber Stadium like the one constructed at Parvatheepuram in Andhra Pradesh in order to overcome the present obstacle. The estimated cost of the Stadium is Rs. 13 crore.

I urge upon the Government to give necessary clearance for the proposal and sanction the amount sought for the project.

The State Government has also submitted to the Centre a proposal 'Kala Gram' for the development and protection of the traditional art and crafts of Aranmula. The cost of the project is estimated at Rs. 11 crore. I urge upon the Government to sanction the fund.

MR. SPEAKER: Now, Shri Kiren Rijju.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Chaudhary Lal Singh, you are only disturbing the House. You have to wait for my decision. I am sorry. Just because you are disturbing the House, I cannot call you.

Now, Shri Kiren Rijju.