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Title: Need to set up an Avian Research Centre in Thattekkadu, Kerala.

SHRI P.T. THOMAS (IDUKKI): The world famous bird sanctuary at Thattekkadu - Kothamagulam is in my constituency in Idukki - which requires more attention. This is a tropical Birds Sanctuary. More than 320 different variety of birds are there. Also, 40% birds are migratory birds out of which 17% are international migrants. The rest are rare birds like Frogmouth and 'Ripley Owl' are there in this Sanctuary. Last Year more than 75000 tourists visited there. I request the Union Government to consider setting up of an Avian Research Centre in Thattekkadu. I request Tourism and Environment Ministries to take necessary initiative in this regard.