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Title: Need to provide funds for construction of a parking lot by Archaeological Survey of India at Mamallapuram in Kancheepuram district, Tamil Nadu to boost tourism in the region.

SHRI P. VISWANATHAN (KANCHEEPURAM): Mamallapuram in Kancheepuram district, Tamil Nadu is one of the important tourism places in the country. It is visited by tourists from within the country and abroad throughout the year. It is famous for large number of rock cut shore temples depicting the story of Mahabharata. People from Chennai visit Mamallapuram along with family during weekends for enjoyment and to relieve themselves from stress.

However, Mamallapuram does not have adequate and good parking facilities. Due to large number of vehicles plying in the area, there is a heavy traffic and the tourists are facing lot of difficulties in parking their vehicles. It is the duty of the Union Government/Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to provide adequate facilities at the heritage sites. In order to promote tourism and to provide adequate facilities to the visiting tourists, setting up of a modern and upgraded parking lot at Mamallapuram is the need of the hour.

I shall, therefore, request the Hon'ble Minister to allocate necessary funds for constructing a large modern parking lot at Mamallapuram.