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Title: Need to provide a special package for development of tourism in Chalakudy Parliamentary Constituency, Kerala.

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SHRI K.P. DHANAPALAN (CHALAKUDY): I would like to invite the attention of this august House towards an important matter pertaining to the growing importance of tourism in Chalakudy Constituency. I do appeal to the government to deliberate upon special tourism packages for Chalakudy in view of increasing tourist importance of the areas. Famous Athirappally waterfalls attracts more than thousands of tourists every day. Next to it, Vazhachal-thoompoormoozhy is also a very important tourist destination. Muziris, which was considered to be ancient port city of our country. Cheramauparo MPU, Kottappuram Boat Race, male Jew Sunanan and Cementary. It also attracts many tourists and scholars from different parts of the country. Besides, there are many locations of tourist importance.

Adding to the natural beauty of the area, Chalakudy has nine major pilgrim centres-Kodungallur Bhagavathy Temple, Kodungullur, Thiruvanchikkulam Temple, Cheraman Juma Masjid, Marthoma Church, Azhikode, Keelthazhi Siva Temple, birthplace of Sri Sankaracharya at Kalad, St. Thomas Church Ambazhakkadu and Malayattor, Sivarathri Manalppuram at Aluva and Church of Kadamattathu Kathanar at Kadammattam.

I appeal to the Government to sanction a special tourism package for Chalakkudy for its development.