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Title: Need to provide financial assistance for the development of Koulas fort situated in Jukkal, Nizamabad district in Telangana State.

SHRI BHEEMRAO B. PATIL (ZAHEERABAD): Hon. Deputy Speaker, thank you very much for giving me an opportunity to speak in the august House today.

I would like to bring to your kind notice regarding the dire need to sanction financial assistance for the development of Koulas fort situated in Jukkal, Nizamabad district in Telangana State.

The oval shaped fort is situated on the Sangareddy-Nanded highway on the border of Telangana, near Bidar in Karnataka and Nanded in Maharashtra State, 180 kilometres away from Hyderabad and 100 kilometres from the district headquarters town of Nizamabad. The Koulas fort can be a tourist delight.

The history of Koulas dates back to the 15th century. During the rule of the Kakatiya kings spread across six square kilometres and trucked away in a corner of backward Jukkal mandal.

It is constructed in the semi-Dravidian style and the fort has the potential of becoming a much sought after tourist destination.

The Koulas dam is about 20 kilometres away from the fort and attracts a large number of migratory birds during the winter season.

Keeping in view the pathetic condition of Koulas Fort, I request the hon. Minister of Tourism and Culture through the Chair to take immediate steps for sanction of financial assistance to promote the tourism in that area.