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Title: Regarding including Rajahmundry City under HRIDAY (National Heritage Development and Augmentation Yojana) Scheme.

SHRI M. MURLI MOHAN (RAJAHMUNDRY): Of late, the Union Government has launched HRIDAY (National Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana) covering 12 cities in various parts of the country.

In this context, I would like to make a humble submission before the Union Government that Rajahmundry is one of the major cities in the State of Andhra Pradesh located on the banks of the river Godavari in East Godavari District. In its earlier days, it was called 'Rajamahendravaram'. It is a historical city famous for its political, agricultural, literary, economic, social and cultural background. Hence, the city is also known as the "Cultural Capital of Andhra Pradesh".

Rajahmundry is also acclaimed as the birthplace of the Telugu language. Adi Kavi Nannayya translated Mahabharat from Sanskrit on this sacred land. Kandukuri Veeresalingam, a great social reformer, walked on this land.

Keeping in view, the importance of the Rajahmundry city which is the heritage and cultural Capital of Andhra Pradesh, I would humbly request the Union Government and the Ministry of Urban Development to include Rajahmundry city under HRIDAY scheme on the eve of Godavari Pushkarams.