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Title: Need to develop Hampi, Badami, Pattadakallu and Hyholi in Karnataka as tourist destinations.

SHRI B. SRIRAMULU (BELLARY): Madam Speaker, I come from Bellary constituency in Karnataka. I would like to attract the attention of the Government and the House to the crying condition of Hampi, the world famous historical site. As the House is aware, Hampi is the former capital of Vijayanagara Empire and a religious centre for millions of people. It has the Hemakuta Hill, Virupaksha Temple, Lakshmi Narasimha Temple, and big Shivalinga and Vithala temples.

The architectural ruins of Hampi is the UNESCO World Heritage Site. Despite its immense tourism potential, it remains under developed for various reasons.

Essential facilities like drinking water, electricity, road connectivity, rest houses etc. are not adequate to attract tourists to this historical place.

Similarly, places like Badami, Pattadakallu and Athole also need immediate Government intervention for the growth of tourism potential of the area. Growth of tourism in that region can help the people to overcome acute poverty and create employment opportunities and livelihood.

Madam, through you, I would like to request the Government to expedite developmental work in this region.

Thank you.