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Title: Demand for setting up of a port in Manappad in Thoothukudi Parliamentary Constituency.

SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE (THOOTHUKUDI): Hon. Madam Speaker, I wish to bring to the kind attention of this House a very important matter of urgent public importance.

There is a huge demand for a port in Manappad in my Tuticorin Parliamentary Constituency.

Madam, Tamil Nadu has 1076 kilometres coastline, which is the second in the country. The demand for a port in Manappad, which is 60 kilometres from Tuticorin and 18 kilometres south of Tiruchendur is still in paper, even though Manappad is strategically and economically crucial for the country.

As maritime commerce has a deluge of economic ramifications both local and national, the steps to utilize the maritime potential of Manappad are the need of the hour.

Hence, Madam, I would urge upon the Government to take up the proposal to have a port in Manappad in true spirit with speedy execution. Thank you.