

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding constitution of a Fort tourist circuit in Kasargod under the Swadeshi Darshan Scheme.

SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN (KASARAGOD): Swadeshi Darshan Scheme is a scheme of the Ministry of Tourism, under the Government of India. The scheme aims to promote, develop, and harness the potential of tourism in India. This is a Central Scheme which is hundred per cent funded by the Government of India. The entire scheme is based on theme-based tourism. Each theme is called a 'circuit' and is composed of various tourist destinations. 'Tourist Circuit' is defined as a route having at least three major tourist destinations which are distinct and apart.

Bekal Fort built by Shivappa Nayaka of Keladi in 1650 AD at Bekal in Kasargod district is the largest fort in Kerala, spreading over 40 acres of land. Kasargod has a legion of ancient and medieval forts in addition to Bekal Fort like Hosdurg Fort, Chandragiri Fort and Povval Fort.

Hence, I pray the Government of India to constitute a Fort Circuit in Kasargod under the Swadeshi Darshan Scheme.

HON. CHAIRPERSON: Hon. Members, the mike will be automatically switched off after one minute. So, kindly frame your speech in such a way that it can be finished within one minute.