

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding development of a film city in Udhagamandalam-laid.

SHRI A. RAJA (NILGIRIS): Udhagamandalam is called Queen of Hills and lot of tourists visit daily, it being a popular station. Besides, the Hill is gifted with nature's bountiful beauty like Pine Forest, Dodabetta Peak, Dolphin's Nose, King's Park, Koda Nadu, Botanical Gardens, Ooty Lake, Race Course, Avilange etc.

It is also popular for outdoor film shootings and many popular Hindi, Tamil, Malayalam, Kannada films were shot here and to mention a few—Roja, Sadma, Dil Se, Raja Hindustani, Kuch Kuch Hota Hai, Barfi. Taking all these things into account, Udhagamandalam is an ideal place for developing a film city. Vast tract of land is available and the State Government would be helpful in identifying the land.

I would therefore request that the Hon'ble Minister may please consider developing a film city in Udhagamandalam. It would not only improve the economy but also provide employment opportunities to thousands of people in the film industry.