

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding sanction of Tourism Master Plan for hill station namely Panchgani and Mahabaleshwar.

श्री श्रीनिवास दादासाहेब पाटिल (सतारा): अध्यक्ष जी, मैं आपका आभारी हूँ और आपको होली की शुभकामनाएं देता हूँ ।

महोदय, मैं मराठी में अपनी बात सदन के सामने रखना चाहता हूँ ।

**Hon'ble Speaker, Sir. I would like to speak in Marathi. In my Lok Sabha Constituency Satara, there are two hill stations namely Panchgani and Mahabaleshwar which are very popular since British era. But, the population of my district is very low and it must be around 10.20 lac only. There are English medium schools at Panchgani. The development plans for Panchgani and Mahabaleshwar are pending with the Central Government and no decision has been taken in this regard till date. The tourists visiting here, face many problems as there is no proper road network and tourism related infrastructure. Tourists usually prefer horse riding but the horse riding trails are also in very bad shape.*

Hence I would like to urge upon the Central Government to sanction the Tourism Master Plan as early as possible as it would be beneficial for commercial activities and also generate employment in this hilly area. Our Hon'ble Forest and Environment Minister should look into it urgently.

Thank you very much for allowing me to speak in Marathi.*