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Title: Regarding sanctioning of special grants to the Government of West Bengal to set up Bardhaman Purba as a tourist spot.

SHRI SUNIL KUMAR MONDAL (BARDHAMAN PURBA): Thank you Chairman Sir, I would like to address the Minister of Tourism. In my Lok Sabha constituency Bardhaman Purba, there is immense prospect of tourism. There are 108 temples in Kalna; Katwa is the birthplace of several eminent poets, authors, and great men. It is situated on the basin of River Ganga. In Purbasthali Daihat, there are many big Shiva temples. A large bird sanctuary is also located in the adjoining area. On the Ganga basin from Katwa to Kalna, there are numerous small cottages. So, if the roads are built properly and guest houses or restrooms are constructed for the benefit of the tourists then it can turn out to be very big and nice tourism hub. I have seen many tourist places of the country. So, I feel that in my constituency Bardhaman Purba - the stretch from Katwa to Kalna can be developed as a beautiful tourist spot, it can be a golden opportunity for the people of the region. Nabadwip is just beside this area which is the birthplace of Mahaprabhu Sri Chaitanya dev. Thousands of foreign tourists visit this place every year. They can also grab this golden opportunity of the tourism and hospitality sector. A large tourism hub can be developed here. Therefore, I urge upon Hon. Tourism Minister to sanction special grants to the Government of West Bengal to set up this tourism centre. For this purpose, we have already sent all the relevant papers to the Tourism Department. I hope that as I raise this issue through you today, hon. Tourism Minister will take adequate steps to address the problem and help in development of the tourist spot. I also believe that he will not deprive the state of West Bengal in any manner and will allocate funds required for the purpose. With this hope, I conclude my speech here. Thank you, Sir.