

Request for funds for the development of Hogenakkal into a tourist centre with international standards

SHRI A. MANI (DHARMAPURI): Hon Speaker, Vanakkam. Being an elected member from the Dharmapuri parliamentary constituency, on behalf of myself, and on behalf of the voters of my Constituency, I thank you in the first instance. River Cauvery originating from Kudaku (Kodagu) mountain merges in a place called Hogenakkal at the border of Dharmapuri district in Tamil Nadu. River Cauvery becomes a waterfall at Hogenakkal. I wish to bring to the notice of Hon Minister of Tourism the importance of this Hogenakkal waterfalls with enhanced feasibilities of becoming a most sought-after tourist destination. Hon Chairman Sir, from January to July this year, in 6 months, more than 35 lakh tourists have visited this waterfall. There is a possibility of more than One Crore tourists visiting this Hogenakkal waterfalls every year. I therefore urge that Hogenakkal waterfalls is a tourist destination with possibilities of having a rope car facility, motor boat rides, Biological Park, massage centres, fish food restaurants, etc. I therefore urge upon the Union Minister for Tourism to allocate funds and develop Hogenakkal into a Tourist Centre with international standards. Thank you.