

Regarding need for allocation of funds for overall development of Kanyakumari district, Tamil Nadu-Laid

SHRI VIJAYAKUMAR ALIAS VIJAY VASANTH (KANYAKUMARI): Kanyakumari, the southernmost tip of India, is a treasure trove of natural beauty, cultural heritage, and historical significance. With its pristine beaches like Sanguthurai and Kovalam, monumental landmarks such as the Vivekananda Rock Memorial and Thiruvalluvar Statue, and scenic spots like the Thirparappu Waterfalls and Padmanabhapuram Palace, Kanyakumari holds immense potential to become a global tourism hub, attracting visitors from all over the world. In the past year alone, Kanyakumari has seen over 2 million domestic tourists and approximately 50,000 international tourists. While this surge in tourism has provided a boost to the local economy, it also brings with it significant challenges in managing environmental impact, waste disposal, and the threat of over-tourism. To ensure the sustainable growth of tourism, it is essential to invest in infrastructure, eco-tourism, and the preservation of our cultural heritage. In this regard, I humbly request the allocation of Rs. 2000 crore under a central special scheme for the development of Kanyakumari district. This fund will be used to enhance infrastructure, promote sustainable tourism initiatives, empower local communities, and protect our natural and cultural assets for future generations. With this support, Kanyakumari can continue to shine as a world-class, sustainable tourist destination.