

Need to declare 'Thirukkural' the book authored by Tamil poet Thiruvalluvar as National Treasure Book of the country- Laid

SHRI D. M. KATHIR ANAND (VELLORE): With a voice that echoes the pride of Tamil Nadu and the conscience of this nation, I would like to humbly urge the Government to declare "Thirukkural", authored by the sage Tamil Thiruvalluvar, as "India's National Treasure Book". This is not a regional demand. It is a national call for moral recognition. Thirukkural is not a religious scripture, but a timeless ethical masterpiece-1,330 couplets that teach virtue (Aram), governance (Porul), and love (Inbam). Its verses speak of non-violence, justice, compassion, equality, and duty-values that form the very bedrock of our Constitution. Its universal wisdom has been acknowledged across this very House. The Prime Minister, Finance Minister and many others have quoted Thirukkural in Parliament. To immortalise his message the then Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu erected the 133 foot tall statue of Thiruvalluvar in Kanniyakumari, where the three seas meet. That statue stands not just in granite-it stands in history. The Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly has passed resolutions. Courts have urged the Government to translate Thirukkural into all Indian languages and include it in the national curriculum. It transcends region, religion, and language. It unites where politics divides. It guides where laws fail. I appeal to the Minister of Culture and Union Government to honour a poet who belonged to all of humanity. Let Thiruvalluvar's voice ring not only from textbooks in Tamil Nadu but from the heart of India. Declare Thirukkural as India's National Treasure Book.