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Title: Need to construct a sports stadium in Mangalore, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY (CHIDAMBARAM): Sir, activities relating to sports and physical education are essential to promote good health and comradeship. A spirit of friendly competition has positive impact on the overall development of personality of the youth. Excellence in sports enhances the sense of achievement, national pride and patriotism. Sports provide beneficial recreation, improve productivity and foster social harmony and discipline.

Taking into consideration the importance of sports, I wrote to the then Sports Minister on 13th September, 2001 for sanction of youth hostel and sports stadium in my constituency. The then Minister examined my request and agreed to construct the hostel building after identifying a suitable place, a piece of developed land measuring 1.5 to 2.0 acres in my constituency, Chidambaram. Mangalore in Tamil Nadu is a suitable place to construct a sports stadium with youth hostel. I have requested the District Collector on the provision of land, which he readily agreed. Even if that was not forthcoming, a private land-owner is prepared to donate the land. As such, I request the hon. Minister of Sports to consider the matter immediately and initiate action to construct a sports stadium with youth hostel in Managalore in Tamil Nadu not in Karnataka for the developmental activities of sports and games in this part of Tamil Nadu.
