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Title: Need to build a monument at Virupakshi in honour of Shri Gopal Naicker, a great warrior and freedom fighter from Tamil Nadu.

SHRI S.K. KHARVENTHAN (PALANI): A Merchant British Company that came from London for trade gained political authority and started collection of taxes from the native rulers of South India from 1750. First native ruler who waged war against Britishers in Tamil Nadu was Pooli Thevar by refusing to pay taxes in the year 1755. So many leaders, viz., Muthuvaduganatha Thevar (1772), Smt. Velu Nachiar (1772), Muthuramalinga Sethupathy (1795), Veerapandiya Kattabomman (1799), Virupakshi Gopal Naicker (1800), Oomathurai (1801), and Maruthupandiar (1801) had fought against Britishers and sacrificed their lives for the independence of this country. After that only Vellore Revolution was held in 1806 and Sipoy Mutiny held in North in the year 1857. Here I want to bring forth certain facts about Virupakshi Gopal Naicker of my Constituency. Shri Gopal Naicker ruled Virupakshi Zameen during 1800.

Veerapandiya Kattabomman was arrested on 24.9.1799 and hanged to death on 17.10.1799. After his death, his brother Oomathurai reached Dindigul Valley and collected 4,000 youths and fought against the Britishers with the help of Virupakshi Gopal Naicker. Revolutionaries organized a meeting on 29.4.1800 at Palani Hills under the leadership of Gopal Naicker and planned to attack the Britishers' Coimbatore Fort on 3.6.1800. It was called the Palani Conspiracy. The revolutionaries reached Virupakshi from far off places like Maharashtra on 28.4.1800 itself to attend the above meeting.[\[a30\]](#)

Even though their attempt was foiled, this was the first war staged against the Britishers by Gopal Naicker and the native Indians. After that, the Revolutionaries went into hiding in the Palani forests and continuously fought against the Britishers. After a long fight, Virupakshi Zameen was captured by Britishers on 16-10-1801 and Revolutionaries were arrested. Important leaders including Shri Gopal Naicker were hanged to death on 24-10-1801 and remaining 73 others were sent to exile on 11-2-1802. The great freedom fighter, Dheeran Chinnamalai also joined the stream with Shri Gopal Naicker and lived in Palani Hills. Even now, the Old Fort and other monuments of Shri Gopal Naicker are available in Palani area, Dindigul District.

Hence, I request the hon. Prime Minister to take steps to erect a monument to honour the great warrior Shri Gopal Naicker at Virupakshi in my Palani Parliamentary Constituency.

MADAM CHAIRMAN : Shri Harisinh Chavda – not present; Shri Avtar Singh Bhadana – not present; Dr. Karan Singh Yadav – not present; Dr. Satyanarayan Jatiya – not present; Shri Dushyant Singh – not present; Shri Yogi Aditya Nath – not present; Shri Syed Shahnawaz Hussain - not present.

Shri Thawar Chand Ghelot.