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Title: Need to release the full amount of funds sanctioned for development of Bharachukki falls in Chamarajanagar district in Karnataka.

SHRI R. DHIRUVANARAYANA (CHAMRAJANAGAR): I urge the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India to consider setting up of more ecotourism projects in my constituency Chamarajanagar district in Karnataka which has the requisite characteristics such as dense forest, hill stations and waterfalls which together constitute an ideal region to promote eco-friendly tourism. Chamarajnagar offers a study in contrast, compared to highly developed regions of eco-friendly tourism across its border both with Tamil Nadu and Kerala which have tapped the ecotourism potential to full extent.

Keeping in view the vast scope for setting up ecotourism project in Chamarajanagar district, the Centre has come forward to develop the Bharachukki falls with an allocation of Rs. 4.31 crores. The completion of project is hampered by inadequate release of funds that too in phases. So far a sum of Rs. 90 lakhs has been released in phases and the project is nowhere near completion. It would, therefore, be more appropriate to release the full quantum of sanctioned funds in one go. After, that, there will no scope for delay in a completion of work and no cost over-runs/escalations.