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Title: Need to declare great literacy work Thirukkural as national scripture.

*SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM (NAMAKKAL) Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir. *Vanakkam. "Kedil Vizhuch Selvam Kalvi Oruvarku Maadalla Matrai Yavai".* "Learning is the imperishable wealth that none can destroy; To men nothing else affords real joy", says Thirukkural written by Saint Thiruvalluvar. Peace, Progress and Prosperity for human upliftment, Puratchithalaivi Amma's words of wisdom. Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, This is Thirukkural. I think you know very well about this literary masterpiece. This literary work has 1330 couplets spread in 133 chapters and in three major divisions like Virtue, Wealth and Love. All aspects of the entire universe are covered in its 42,194 words of lofty wisdom. Thirukkural has been translated into several languages of the world. Very well knowing the importance of this great literary work Thirukkural, People's former Chief Minister Hon'ble Puratchithalaivi Amma had written a letter to the then Hon'ble Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh on 16.9.2004 for declaring Thirukkural as the national scripture. A resolution in this regard was also passed unanimously in Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 13.4.2005. If Thirukkural is declared as a national scripture it would be a national pride. The great literary work would help in strengthening the unity of the country transcending all barriers of caste, religion, creed, etc. This universal literary masterpiece should be declared as the national scripture as demanded by People's former Chief Minister Hon'ble Puratchithalaivi Amma. I also request the Hon'ble Deputy Speaker to make his endeavours to achieve this goal. Thank you.