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Title: Regarding inclusion of Thanjavur under Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana (HRIDAY).

*SHRI K. PARASURAMAN (THANJAVUR): Hon. Madam Speaker. Vanakkam. The city of Thanjavur, often referred as the granary of Tamil Nadu, has been well recognised by UNESCO. This world famous Thanjavur city should be declared as one among the heritage cities of the country. I thank Makkal Muthalvar Hon. Puratchithalaivi Amma for this opportunity and with whose blessings I am now a Member of Parliament representing Thanjavur constituency in Lok Sabha. The Union government has selected 12 cities of the country as heritage cities under HRIDAY (Heritage City Development Scheme). I urge through you Madam Speaker that Thanjavur City should be included and declared as the 13th heritage city of the country under the HRIDAY Scheme. King Karikal Chola had built the Kallanai Dam (Grand Anicut) which is benefitting several lakhs of people of this area even now. King Raja Raja Chola the great built Lord Brahadeeswarar Temple in Thanjavur 1000 years ago. This grand temple was built exclusively with granite. Modern day cement was not used for construction of this temple as this temple stands a testimony for the architectural marvel of Chola dynasty. The Cholas, the Nayakkars, and the Marathas ruled Thanjavur for several decades in the past and had remarkable achievements to their glory. Thanjavur is a temple city. Hon. President of India visited the Mariamman temple of Thanjavur during last year. Several rivers flow in and around this city. Thanjavur paintings, Thanjavur Veena (a musical instrument), artistic plates, dancing doll and several other cultural marvels add glory to this city.

HON. SPEAKER: Yes we know Thanjavur is important.

SHRI K. PARASURAMAN: Thanjavur city is known for its rich tradition, temples, historical monuments, dance forms, art work, etc. I therefore urge through this august House that Thanjavur city, having a traditional glory of thousands of years, should be included and declared as a heritage city under HRIDAY Scheme. Thank you.

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