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Title: Need to develop health tourism in the Araku Constituency of Andhra Pradesh.

**SHRIMATI KOTHAPALLI GEETHA (ARAKU):** I would like to draw the kind attention of the august House towards a very important issue pertaining to the development of tourism in my constituency. Araku constituency is the only tribal constituency of AP and it is a tourist destination of Andhra Pradesh and the second largest constituency in India. It has marvellous natural beauty and is known as Andhra Shimla. The temperature is very moderate during all seasons and also falls below zero degrees in winter which is also a speciality of the constituency. There are many medicinal herbs in this forest area. Even after 65 years of Independence, the area is underdeveloped and is lacking the minimum facilities.

Health Tourism has a great potential in the present Indian scenario and many foreign tourists visit India every year for health tourism. This area located in a very serene atmosphere will be suitable to promote health tourism under the AYUSH which will be beneficial for the local people as it will provide employment to the tribal population and will also contribute to the economic and infrastructure development.

Hence in view of this situation, I would like to request the Hon'ble Minister of Ayush to kindly provide the necessary approval and assistance for developing the area for health tourism.