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Title: Regarding allocation of adequate funds to repair and renovate the Attur fort.

DR.K. KAMARAJ (KALLAKURICHI): Hon. Deputy Speaker, Attur fort is located on the bank of river Vasista Nadi in Attur municipality of Salem district. The fort was built by Lakshmana Nayanan, then the local chieftain of the region in the 17th century. The fort was subsequently captured by the Mysore kingdom, Hyder Ali, Tipu Sultan and British East India Company. Finally, the fort became part of the British East India Company. Under the British rule, Attur fort was used as a garrison and ordnance depot till 1854.

The fort occupies about 62 acres of area. The walls of the fort are about 30 feet tall and 15 feet wide. The fort is guarded by the river one side and a ditch on the other sides. Inside the fort, the local chieftain Gatti Mudali built Vishnu Temple. The fort is now under control of the Archeological Survey of India. The fort is encroached upon by the local public and is in a dilapidated condition. Hence, I request the Minister of Culture and Tourism to allocate adequate funds to repair and renovate the Attur fort and take necessary steps to make the fort a tourist place.