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Title: Need to develop tourism in Malabar region of Kerala.

SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMCHANDRAN (VADAKARA): The Malabar Region of Kerala has much to offer to tourism enthusiasts. My constituency has some very significant destinations like kappad where Vasco da Gama landed in 1498; Kottakkal form where kunhail Marakkar, the first India Naval Chief, fought against Portugese; Tellichery Fort built by East India Co. in 1781. Pazhassi Raja who fought against British was from the neighbourhood of Vatakara. Tellicherry and Vatakara are ancient Ports.

Vadakara has Lokanarkavu, an ancient temple connected with legendary hero Thachholi Othenan of 16th Centruy and is famous for Kalaripayattu. Mahe, a French colony, lies on the middle of the constutuency. Herman Gundert, who made invaluable contribution to Malayalam literature lived in Tellicherry.

The longest drive-in beach in India, Muzhapllangad, is near Tellicherry. The famous Temples, Mosques and Churches here are all great attractions.

I request the Hon'ble Tourism Minister to take special interest and extend maximum support to Government of Kerala for promoting Tourism in Malabar area.