

Sixteenth Lok Sabha

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Title: Need steps to announce the sabrimala Sree Dharma Sastha Temple as a National Pilgrime Centre

SHRIMATI P.K. SHREEMATHI TEACHER (KANNUR): Madam Speaker, I would like to invite the attention of the hon. Minister through you, on the famous Sabarimala Sree Dharma Sastha Temple.

Sabarimala is a prestigious pilgrim centre of our country. The Temple is situated on a hill top in the Western Ghat mountain ranges of Pathanamthitta District of Kerala. About 45 to 50 million devotees are visiting every year where the Temple remains open for 127 days a year. Saarimala Sree Dharma Sastha Temple is open to all irrespective of caste, creed or religion.

Sabarimala is a thick forest area under Periyar Tiger Reserve. The wild life of the region and the evergreen forests are to be protected from the waste disposed of by the visitors of Sabarimala as well. The South Indians have a long standing demand for proclamation of Sabarimala as a National Pilgrim Centre. Hon. Prime Minister had also agreed it during his visit to Kerala last year.

Hence, I would request the hon. Minister to kindly bestow his personal attention in the matter and take steps to announce this natural and devotional beauty as a National Pilgrim Centre.

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श्री सी.एन. जयदेवन, डॉ. ए. सम्पत और कुँवर पुणेपेद्र सिंह चन्देल को श्रीमती पी.के. श्रीमथि टीचर द्वारा उठाये गये विषय से संबद्ध करने की अनुमति प्रदान की जाती है।