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Title: Need to revive Calicut Port in Kerala.

SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN (KOZHIKODE): Calicut, my parliamentary constituency, has a long lasting maritime history and was the main centre of spice import as early as the 7th Century when the Arab trading merchants came there. The Light House in the city is still operational and these clearly establish the presence of an active Port in the city.

Today, the Calicut Port is defunct and has only a small fishing harbour, a little away from the main site. Calicut has high potential to re-emerge. Suitable maritime infrastructure matching the present day needs is required immediately to revive this.

The proposed revival of the Port can begin with the construction of a cruise terminal along-with a new breakwater. This can create more avenues and potential for the tourism sector, which is now confined to Cochin Port.

The proposed development of the Port will also help the Navy and Coastguard authorities. The project cost for the first phase is expected to be around Rs. 100 crore.

I urge upon the Government to bring out a DPR and revive this port.