

**Need for inclusion of Srirangam in National Heritage City
Development and Augmentation Yojana**

DR. V. MAITREYAN (Tamil Nadu): I wish to make an appeal to the Government to include the holy town of Srirangam in Tamil Nadu in the National Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana. Srirangam is an island lying on the banks of Cauvery and Kollidam rivers in Trichy district of Tamil Nadu.

Srirangam is famous for Sri Ranganathaswamy temple which is one of the most important Vaishnavite Shrines in the country and is soulfully called 'Boologa Vaikundam' that is Earthly Heaven. Srirangam has a hoary past steeped in rich tradition and distinctive culture that made this temple town glorious since ancient times. Everyday, devotees and tourists throng this town from all parts of India as also abroad to see the awe-inspiring holy town and the revered temple that stands majestically amidst a sprawling land of 156 acres. The number of devotees to the town increases greatly during the festivals like Vaikunta Ekadashi. The economy of Srirangam has begun thriving based on tourism as a result of various socio-economic packages and infrastructure developments provided by Tamil Nadu Government. In view of these unique characteristics, Srirangam deserves all attention from the Centre for conservation and revitalisation of the rich heritage. Central funding will rapidly enhance the quality of life besides improving the physical, social and economic structures. Bolstering the heritage status of Srirangam will go a long way in preserving the hubs of tradition and culture across the country. Our party leader, respected Dr. Puratchithalavi Amma, has already demanded inclusion of Srirangam in the National Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana. Therefore, I request the Government to include Srirangam in the Yojana on priority. Thank you, Sir.

SHRI A. NAVANEETHA KRISHNAN (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I would like to associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I would like to associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I would like to associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I would like to associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I would like to associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I would like to associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member. ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI ANANDA BHASKAR RAPOLU (Telangana): Sir, I would like to associate myself with you. It is not about Tamil Nadu alone but whole of India ...(Interruptions)...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI P. RAJEEVE): The House stands adjourned till 11.00 a.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, the 2nd December, 2014.

*The House then adjourned at fourteen minutes past
seven of the clock till eleven of the clock on
Tuesday, the 2nd December, 2014*