

SHRI M. MOHAMED ABDULLA (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

SHRI ABIR RANJAN BISWAS (West Bengal): Sir, I too associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

DR. FAUZIA KHAN (Maharashtra): Sir, I too associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

DR. KANIMOZHI NVN SOMU (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I too associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, Shri R. Girirajan; Demand for including Tamil Nadu in National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project and establishing Multipurpose Cyclone Centre at vulnerable locations.

Demand to include Tamil Nadu in the "National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project" and establish Multipurpose Cyclone Centre at vulnerable locations

SHRI R. GIRIRAJAN (Tamil Nadu): Sir, of the 7,516 Km long coastline of India, close to 5,700 Km is prone to cyclones and tsunamis; 68 per cent of the cultivable area is vulnerable to drought and hilly areas are at risk from landslides. The Coastal areas of Tamil Nadu are increasingly vulnerable to tropical cyclones and the consequent recurrent loss of life and property. The establishment of Multipurpose Cyclone Centre is the main objective of the National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project and it is to minimize vulnerability to cyclones and make people and infrastructure disaster resilient in harmony with conservation of the coastal eco-system in the cyclone hazard prone area. In the first phase, though the Government had constructed 567 such Multipurpose Cyclone Centres in Odisha, Andhra, Gujarat and West Bengal, but not a single MCC was constructed in Tamil Nadu, which has been ravaged frequently than any other State in the country. Out of 353 MCC's in the second phase, 112 in Gujarat, 27 in Kerala, 11 in Karnataka, 13 in Maharashtra, 150 in West Bengal, 40 in Goa are to be constructed. Tamil Nadu was ravaged continuously from Tsunami in 2004 and Cyclones Thane, Nilam, Vardah, Ockhi, Gaja, Nivar and Mandous.

I urge the Union Government to include Tamil Nadu in the "National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project" to establish Multipurpose Cyclone Centre at vulnerable

locations and take appropriate measures for prevention, mitigation, capacity-building and preparedness to combat cyclonic storms in the coming years. Thank you, Sir.

SHRI M. MOHAMED ABDULLA (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

DR. KANIMOZHI NVN SOMU (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I too associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I too associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

SHRI SANDOSH KUMAR P (Kerala): Sir, I too associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

DR. FAUZIA KHAN (Maharashtra): Sir, I too associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

DR. JOHN BRITTAS (Kerala): Sir, I too associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

SHRI ABIR RANJAN BISWAS (West Bengal): Sir, I too associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

SHRI A.A. RAHIM (Kerala): Sir, I too associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

SHRIMATI JEBI MATHER HISHAM (Kerala): Sir, I too associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

SHRI K.R.N. RAJESHKUMAR (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I too associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

DR. V. SIVADASAN (Kerala): Sir, I too associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri Lahar Singh Siroya; demand for boosting destination wedding economy in Bharat.

Demand to boost Destination Wedding Economy in Bharat

SHRI LAHAR SINGH SIROYA (Karnataka): Sir, I draw attention to the potential and creating awareness about destination weddings in India and its impacts on our economy. Recently, hon. Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke about rich families celebrating destination wedding in foreign locations and urged citizens to choose Bharat as their wedding destination. There is a great possibility of creating destination wedding economy in Bharat.

While weddings are traditionally viewed as personal celebrations, their collective impact on the economy is substantial. Wedding festivities contribute significantly to the thriving service sector such as banquet halls, hotels, event management, catering, floral decoration, travel services, photography, music orchestras etc. Hon. Chairman, Sir, the consumption of these diverse services generates numerous job opportunities.

According to estimates from the Confederation of All India Traders, around 5,000 destination weddings are held abroad each year with an estimated expenditure of Rs. 50,000 crore. This trend underscores the need for concerted efforts to retain these celebrations within our country. Bharat boasts a plethora of enchanting locales, ranging from breath-taking natural landscapes, sacred temple towns to royal palaces and secluded islands. These places have the potential to become destinations not only for Indian weddings but also for international events. The spiritual aspect and civilizational interest of our land will further attract foreign nationals and Indians staying abroad.

I urge the Government to take proactive initiatives such as policy formulation, creation of dedicated portal, or launch of an informative campaign, which would raise awareness about the possibilities of hosting destination weddings within our country and contributing positively to our economy.

DR. FAUZIA KHAN (Maharashtra): Sir, I associate myself with the Special Mention raised by hon. Member.

DR. JOHN BRITTAS (Kerala): Sir, I also associate myself with the Special Mention raised by hon. Member.