

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Need to allow operation of wide-bodied aircraft and restoration of Haj Embankation point at Calicut International Airport.

SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER (PONNANI): Sir, I would humbly seek the Government's urgent intervention with regard to the Calicut airport. The Calicut International Airport must be allowed to operate wide-bodied aircraft without further delay. We met the Minister and everybody concerned in this regard. The operation of wide-bodied aircraft was stopped there after the air crash. Now the report says that the aircraft was not responsible for that crash in the airport and it was a mistake on the part of the pilot. We have met everybody concerned and nothing has been done by them so far. We humbly submit that urgent steps should be taken to restart the operation of wide-bodied aircraft at the Calicut airport. Unfortunately, we lost the Haj Embarkation Point also because of stoppage of operation of wide-bodied aircraft. I humbly request the Government to restore the Haj Embarkation Point also.

Sir, the RTPCR test rate being charged from passengers going abroad is exorbitant. While they have now got a chance to go abroad after the Covid-19 pandemic, they are paying such a huge amount for the test. I request the Government to reduce the rate and make it reasonable.

Sir, there are other issues also like charges at the airport and other things. I humbly request the Government to take a very positive action in this regard. I hope the Government will realise the fact and take every

step possible to reduce the difficulties of passengers depending on the Calicut airport. Thank you.

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