

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding development of Kollam junction railway station in Kerala.

**SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN (KOLLAM):** Kollam junction railway station is the largest railway station in Kerala in terms of area. It is one of the oldest railway stations. Two railway lines – Thiruvananthapuram-Kollam and Schenkottah-Kollam – meet at Kollam junction. But the development of Kollam station is comparatively not up to the required level. The scope for originating new trains from Kollam and terminating trains at Kollam is less due to the lack of pit line. Considering the commercial and tourism potential of Kollam, the demand for new trains has become essential for development of Kollam. Considering the demand and importance of Kollam, it is highly essential to terminate more trains at Kollam and originate more trains from Kollam. Pit line is highly essential for the basic development of Kollam railway station. Hence, I urge upon the Minister of Railways to initiate immediate steps for construction of pit line at Kollam.

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