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Title: Regarding setting up of an airport at Chengannur in Mavelikkara Parliamentary Constituency.-Laid

SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH (MAVELIKKARA): Kerala holds an important position in the nation's economy as the largest recipient of external remittance, home to the largest diaspora and an important tourist destination. The central Travancore region composed of Kottayam, Pathanamthitta, Idukki and alappuzha is of immense significance as the hub of NRIs and Expats both in terms of numbers and movement and world renowned tourist destinations. However, a long standing demand of establishing an international airport for serving central travancore region, has been left unfulfilled. The demand for an airport at Chengannur is rising now as Chengannur is an ideal location for creating a Hub and Spoke network of access based development of the entire central Travancore region and to facilitate international travel and tourism. I request the government to depute an expert committee to conduct a detailed feasibility study and technical review of an airport project at Chengannur that falls within my Lok Sabha Constituency Mavelikkara.