

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Regarding inclusion of Nedumangad town for rail connectivity under Pradhan Mantri Gati Shakti Scheme.

ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH (ATTINGAL): Sir, the Union Government has proposed rail connectivity for towns with population of more than 50,000 under Pradhan Mantri Gati Shakti Scheme. Nedumangad town in Trivandrum district, Kerala with a population of more than 60,000 does not have rail connectivity. Nedumangad is an important commercial center in Trivandrum district.

The second phase of the Sabari Rail project is proposed to extend from Erumeli through Punalur and Nedumangad, and terminate at Kazhakoottam in Thiruvananthapuram. This extension will ensure a faster journey from Angamaly to Thiruvananthapuram. A survey had been conducted to extend the Sabari Rail line from Erumeli to Thiruvananthapuram. It would be an advantage for this extension if Nedumangad would be linked with the railway network.

I request the Government to include Nedumangad for rail connectivity under Pradhan Mantri Gati Shakti Scheme.