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SHRI VIJAYKUMAR *ALIAS* VIJAY VASANTH (KANYAKUMARI): Kanyakumari district is famous for the confluence of three seas viz. Arabian Sea, Indian Ocean and Bay of Bengal. It is visited by large number of people from within the country and abroad throughout the year for its historical and tourism importance.

As regards Kanyakumari Airport, I understand that a team of AAI experts had visited Samithope and two other locations and found that they are unsuitable due to various reasons.

Another suitable site in the Samithope Village free from obstruction and limitation has been identified for development of the airport. Before pursuing the matter, the feasibility study of the site was conducted by private expert agencies and they found it suitable. Hence, I would request to kindly depute an expert team of AAI to move forward the proposal. I am glad to render any kind of assistance to the expert team on their visit to the site. If this project succeeds, it will attract more domestic and foreign tourists through improved connectivity and promote more employment opportunities.

