

Need to expedite completion of Nemom Railway Terminal Project in Thiruvananthapuram South, Kerala- laid

ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH (ATTINGAL): I draw the attention of the Government towards the ongoing development works of Thiruvananthapuram South (Nemom) railway terminal. After years of waiting, Railway Board had approved the project of Rs. 117 crore and the first phase of work has commenced. Original Master plan of Nemom Terminal included development of 5 Pit lines and 10 stabling lines. Now railways has cut short it to 3 Pit lines and 3 stabling lines. In order to get the aimed benefit, Thiruvananthapuram South must be developed as a full-fledged terminal. But there is no confirmation about the 2nd phase development works and even DPR has not been prepared. The cost estimated for the remaining works is around Rs.130 crores. The delay in second phase will cause the land value to shoot up and costs will be much higher than the current estimates. Moreover, it is necessary to complete the works as proposed to decongest Thiruvananthapuram Central station and to introduce new trains from the state's capital. So, I request the Government to kindly sanction the remaining work of 2 Pit lines and 7 stabling lines at Nemom urgently so that the entire work can be done together without causing cost escalation and inconvenience.