

Title: Need to construct a new railway station at Nedumbassery near Cochin.

SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA (MAVELIKARA): Sir, Kerala's prestigious airport, Cochin International airport constructed with private participation was inaugurated in 1995 and it has all the latest amenities comparable to any other international airport in the country. In addition to the national carrier, so many foreign airlines are operating their services to different countries. This is an important embarking point for non-resident Keralites all over the world especially to Gulf sector. Kerala has become an important destination for tourism and it tops among all the States in respect of number of foreign tourists.

In order to cater to tourists coming from different parts of the world and also to Indian tourists, there is an urgent need to construct a new railway station at Nedumbassery near Cochin.

I urge upon the Government to allocate adequate funds for construction of the railway station within a time frame, near Cochin International airport at Nedumbassery.