

**Title:** Need to take immediate steps to upgrade and provide proper facilities at the Trivandrum International Airport, Kerala.

SHRI VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN : I would like to draw the attention of the Government of India to a matter concerning the employees of Kerala working in Gulf countries. The Trivandrum International Airport is fourth of its kind in India. Thousands of people of Kerala fly through this airport for employment in Gulf countries. The Airport Authority of India had recently neglected this airport and they have not given any facilities to the travelling passengers though it is declared as an international airport and the standard of this airport is far below the approved international standard. Besides, there is a concerted move on the part of the Airport Authority of India to downgrade this airport. Yesterday some Gulf returnees complained to me that they had been put to many difficulties by the Airport Authority of India and there is a conspiracy to neglect this airport intentionally. So, I request the Government to take immediate steps to upgrade this airport and afford all facilities to this Trivandrum International Airport because it is a revenue earning airport.