

Title: Need to establish an airport in Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu. – Laid.

SHRI A.V. BELLARMIN (NAGERCOIL): Confluence of Indian Ocean, Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea at Kanyakumari is a major tourist attraction. Vivekananda Memorial and 133 feet Thiruvalluvar Statue put up on two rocks in the sea adjoining the Cape Comarin have added to the importance of the International Tourist Centre. Pilgrims from several parts of the country come for a holy dip there. Koodankulam Atomic Power Project, Liquid Propulsion System Centre, INS-Kattabomman the naval unit, Indian Rare Earths are some of the vital installations around Kanyakumari. But, Kanyakumari does not have an airport of its own and even the nearest one, Trivandrum Air Port is 5 hours away by road which has heavy traffic. Hence, I urge upon the Central Government to establish an Airport exclusively for Kanyakumari the southern tip town of the country which is an important town historically and archaeologically from tourist perspective.