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Title: Reported shifting of administrative control of Trivandrum International Airport to Chennai regional office of Airport Authority of India.

SHRI PANNIAN RAVINDRAN (THIRUVANANTHAPURAM) : The Airport Authority of India is handing over the autonomy of Thiruvananthapuram International Airport to Chennai Division. This step needs to be opposed.

The Thiruvananthapuram Airport was declared as an International Airport in 1991. It is functioning with a high level of proficiency. The respected Minister had said that we have increased the number of flight services by 150 percentage. So the airport had attained a prominent status in the country. Now the Airport Authority is handing over the autonomy of an airport that has been functioning for the last 16 years as an International Airport to Chennai Division.

Presently a lot of developmental activities are taking place in the airport. The decision of the Airport Authority will hamper all these activities. Therefore, the Centre should immediately halt all attempts to change the administrative autonomy of the Thiruvananthapuram Airport and let it function as an autonomous proficient airport.

DR. K.S. MANOJ : Madam, I want to associate with him.

SHRIMATI C.S. SUJATHA (MAVELIKARA): Madam, I also want to associate with him.

*English translation of the speech originally delivered in Malayalam.

MADAM CHAIRMAN: Yes, hon. Members, Dr. K.S.Manoj, *m04 shri P.

Karunakaran, *m05 Shrimati P. Satheedevi, Shrimati C.S. Sujatha, are allowed to associate with the matter raised by Shri Pannian Ravindran.