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Title : Need to declare Chengannur Railway Station in Kerala as World

Class Station and set up a Railway Medical College/Hospital in the vacant railway land near the station.

SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH (MAVELIKKARA):Chengannur Railway Station is one of the busiest and biggest railway stations in Kerala. Sabarimala devotees use this Station during Sabarimala season every year. Lakhs of Aiyappa devotees come to Chengannur Railway Station while going and coming back from Sabari Mala. In Central Travancore area, Chengannur Railway Station is the main Station and commuters belong to Kollam, Alleppy and Pattanamthitta districts are using this Station regularly. However, Chengannur Railway Station lacks minimum necessary facilities for commuters and Aiyappa devotees. Chengannur Railway Station, therefore, should be declared a World Class Station in the coming Railway budget.

Just about 4 KM from Chengannur Railway Station there is a 40- Acre Railway land, which has not been utilized by the Railways so far. I would like to suggest that the Railways could use the said land in setting up a Railway Medical College/Hospital, as there is no Medical College/Hospital in entire Central Travancore Area. It would benefit both the local residents as well as devotees who visit Aiyappa.

I, therefore, urge upon the Government to take immediate steps to declare Chengannur Railway Station as a World Class Station besides setting up of Railway Medical College/Hospital in the vacant railway land at the aforesaid place.