Title: Need to enhance the amenities provided to the passengers at the Trivandrum International Airport.

SHRI VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN (CHIRAYINKIL): Sir, I am speaking about the International Airport at Trivandrum. Now, it is being neglected completely by the Airports Authority of India. It is well-known that thousands and thousands of people from the Middle-East, that is, the Gulf countries are coming to Trivandrum airport. The Central Government is also getting a considerable amount of revenue and foreign exchange. That being the case, the neglect of the Airport is quite unjustified. I would request the Central Government to intervene in the matter immediately so that the status of the international airport is enhanced. The passenger amenities are at a low ebb. The passenger amenities should be increased and the proposed developmental activities should be taken up without delay. No developmental activity is taking place at the Airport.

So, I strongly request the Minister of Civil Aviation to intervene in the matter and see that justice is done to this International Airport which is one of its kind in India.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Shri R.L.P. Verma.

... (Interruptions)

SHRIN.K. PREMCHANDRAN (QUILON): Sir, I also support this view. It is a totally neglected International Airport. When Shri V.P. Singh was the Prime Minister of this country, he made this airport an International Airport. So far, nothing has been done. This airport is very important for Kerala.(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please take your seat.