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Title:Request to provide adequate facilities at the Calicut International Airport.

SHRI P. SANKARAN (CALICUT): Sir, I draw the attention of the hon. Minister of Civil Aviation regarding the development of Calicut Airport.

Calicut Airport is one of the 12 model Airports of India and also one of the busiest from the point of view of the number of international passengers using the same. It may be noted that 370 number of flights are operating to and from Calicut Airport every week at present and 39,720 number of passengers are using this airport in a year, making use of the existing facilities. But at the International Terminal of the Airport which is very badly designed considering the needs of the passengers, the facilities are highly inadequate and the space available is totally insufficient. Therefore, a proposal is placed before the Airport Authority of India to interchange International and domestic terminals with some modifications, which are found acceptable to the officers of the Airport Authority of India.

On behalf of the passengers, I earnestly request that the International Terminal be shifted to the domestic terminal after bringing in the suggested changes. This will become absolutely essential when the runway extension is completed and wide bodied Aircrafts land in Calicut with at least 50 per cent more passengers than what this terminal is struggling to handle now.

I request the hon. Minister for Civil Aviation to give an assurance in the House that the demand will be accepted.

* Not Recorded.