

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Request to connect, Trichy airport in Tamil Nadu, with New Delhi.

SHRI KARTI P. CHIDAMBARAM (SIVAGANGA): Sir, there are six airports which are commercially operating in Tamil Nadu. Four of them are much more active but only Trichy is not directly connected to Delhi.

I would request the Ministry of Civil Aviation to urge upon the private airline companies to make sure there is direct air connectivity between Trichy and New Delhi. This will greatly benefit Trichy, Pudukkottai, Arimalam, Thirumayam, and Karaikudi. Trichy, particularly, is a big religious town. I know there is an ongoing trend among the people going and visiting many temples, especially new temples. This will encourage people to come and visit the Srirangam Temple, which is an ancient temple where Lord Ram was supposed to have come and pray. So, instead of going to newer temples, people can come more to ancient temples which are there in Tamil Nadu.