

Seventeenth Loksabha

an>

Title: Regarding lack of Immigration and Plant quarantine facilities at Kollam Port -laid.

SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN (KOLLAM): The lack of Immigration and Plant Quarantine facilities are the main hindrances in the Kollam Port. Hundreds of foreign ships want to visit Kollam Port for cargo import, passenger service, maintenance options, and crew changes. The international shipping channel passes very close to Kollam Port and is one of the safest ports for ships to anchor even during rough weather. Kollam Port is one of the oldest ports in the Indian subcontinent and its development is most important. If properly facilitated and operated, it can bring a lot of business, logistics and job opportunities. But the development of Kollam Port has been neglected. There is immense loss of business which adversely affects commercial, and industrial potential due to lack of immigration and plant quarantine facility. Hence, I urge upon the Government to ensure the development of Kollam Port by providing immigration and plant quarantine facilities.