

Sixteenth Loksabha

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Title: Need to establish a new airport at Karaikudi.

SHRI P.R. SENTHILNATHAN (SIVAGANGA): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I would like to raise the matter with regard to establishing of a new airport at Karaikudi in my constituency Sivaganga under UDAN Scheme.

Karaikudi is 120 kms. away from the existing airports of Madurai and Trichy. In Karaikudi, many educational institutions and industrial establishments are situated. There is Alagappa University in Karaikudi, Central Electrochemical Research Institute, Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited and many other industrial units are situated. Television and film shootings are held on a daily basis. Research scholars, actors and businessmen have to travel to Trichy Airport, which is 120 kms. away from Karaikudi, by road and it takes more than two hours to cover this distance.

So, I urge upon the Union Government to establish an airport at Karaikudi, in my constituency Sivaganga, under UDAN Scheme.

HON. DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will allow only one minute to all Members who want to speak now. Please cooperate.