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Title: Regarding provision of Immigration facilities at Kollam Port-Laid.

SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN (KOLLAM): Lack of Immigration and Plant Quarantine facilities are the main hindrances of Kollam Port. Hundreds of foreign ships want the service of Kollam Port for cargo import, passenger service, maintenance options, and crew changes. The international shipping channel is passing very near to Kollam Port and is one of the safest ports for ships to anchor even during rough weather. If operations are properly facilitated, it can bring a lot of business, logistics and job opportunities. It is reliably learnt that State Government arranged all infrastructure facilities for functioning of Immigration center at Kollam Port and Immigration authorities rejected the permission after inspection without considering the importance of the port.

Hence, I urge upon the Government to ensure the development of Kollam Port by providing immigration check point with the available facility and give reasonable time to the State Government for additional arrangement.