

Title : Regarding development of Greenfield Airport at Sabarimala
in Kottayam district, Kerala

SHRI ANTO ANTONY (PATHANAMTHITTA): I request the Government to kindly expedite the procedures for granting approval to the Greenfield Airport near Sabarimala, Kottayam District, Kerala. It is learned that the environmental clearance is pending before the Central Government. Sabarimala, one of the largest pilgrim centres, is located adjacent to the proposed airport, where more than four crore devotees of Lord Ayyappa pay homage every year. The proposed airport will be a blessing to NRIs as well. A large chunk of the NRI population from Kerala is within a radius of 30 kilometers from the proposed airport. The proposed airport will be a boost for the transportation and export of commercial and agricultural crops and will also help in the promotion of tourism destinations in Idukki, Kottayam, Kollam and Pathanamthitta Districts. Therefore, I request the Government to kindly expedite the procedures to grant all required clearances to the Sabarimala airport in Kerala.