

Need to extend metro rail connectivity to Kochi International Airport and Angamaly

SHRI BENNY BEHANAN (CHALAKUDY): Sir, I wish to bring to the attention of this House to the urgent need to extend metro rail connectivity to Kochi International Airport and Angamaly. As one of India's busiest airports, Kochi lacks seamless public transport access, forcing travellers to rely on private vehicles, adding to congestion on NH-544 and surrounding roads. A metro extension will ease traffic, reduce pollution and provide a fast, affordable, and sustainable transport solution. It will also boost tourism, business and investment in the region, enhancing Kerala's economic growth. Integrating this extension with the existing Kochi Metro Rail will benefit daily commuters and air travellers alike. The Kerala Government and KMRL have already sent the proposal to the Central Government.

I urge the Government to prioritize this project and take immediate steps to initiate feasibility studies. Kerala's growing urban needs demand efficient public transport, and this metro expansion is a necessary step towards that goal.