

Regarding Sabari Railway Line Project

SHRI ANTO ANTONY (PATHANAMTHITTA): Hon. Chairperson, Sir, I humbly request the Government to implement the Shabari Rail project immediately as it is the most convenient mode of transport to the Sabarimala Shrine.

Sabarimala is one of the largest pilgrimage centres in India, attracting millions of devotees in a short period of time. Every year, around two to three crore devotees visit Sabarimala shrine during the pilgrimage season, which lasts from mid-November to mid-January. Over 60 per cent of devotees rely on the Railways to reach the shrine, with a significant majority from neighbouring States such as Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana travelling by train to undertake their pilgrimage. Therefore, making this project a reality has been a long-standing demand of the people. ? (*Interruptions*)

Hon. Chairperson, Sir, I request the Government to extend the Shabari route from Azhutha to Thiruvananthapuram via Ranay, Konni, Pathanapuram, Punalur, Anchal, Kilimanoor, Kattakkada, and Balaramapuram. It has come to my attention that compensation to. ? (*Interruptions*)