

Need for upgradation and modernization of Kanjikode Railway Station in Palakkad, Kerala-Laid

SHRI V. K. SREEKANDAN (PALAKKAD): The upgradation or expansion of Kanjikode railway station in Palakkad into a higher-ranking railway station with all modern amenities and infrastructure is the need of the hour, since Kanjikode is central point of industrial activities in Palakkad district which is the second largest industrial district in Kerala. Apart from that, Palakkad is a part of centrally sponsored Kochi-Bengaluru Industrial Corridor and a Hi Tech Industrial Smart City is also going to come up there . The proposed Kochi-Bengaluru Industrial Corridor and a Hi Tech Industrial Smart City and the work on which is progressing, is expected to create a township at Kanjikode to meet all kinds of needs. Many multinational companies and Indian corporate companies and firms will put up their business establishments in Kanjikode and this will provide employment for over a lakh of people directly or indirectly. This Industrial Corridor will change the demography of Kanjikode in a big way. Redevelopment of Kanjikode railway station is also supportive steps to accelerate the pace of development towards the proposed Industrial Corridor. All these going to increase the need for a bigger railway station with facilities, including for cargo movement. Therefore, I urge the Government that Kanjikode railway station be upgraded urgently.