

Regarding timely execution of Sabarimala Airport in Kerala- Laid

SHRI ANTO ANTONY (PATHANAMTHITTA): I would like to draw the attention of the Government to the much-anticipated Sabarimala airport project in Kerala. The Detailed Project Report (DPR), prepared by STUP Consultants Ltd., has been submitted to the Central Government through the Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation (KSIDC), with an estimated cost of ₹7,047 crores. The proposed airport has already received site clearance from the Centre and was recently approved by the State Government. According to the DPR, the airport is expected to handle up to 7 lakh passengers annually. This project will significantly enhance connectivity for Sabarimala pilgrims, especially during the peak pilgrimage season, and provide a major boost to the region's infrastructure. Additionally, it will benefit the districts of Pathanamthitta, Kottayam, and Idukki, along with adjoining regions in Tamil Nadu, and serve the interests of the large expatriate community from the area. I urge the Central Government to expedite the approval of the DPR and extend full support for the timely execution of this vital infrastructure project.