

Title: Need to expedite the construction of International Airport Terminal at Trivandrum, Kerala - Laid.

SHRI V.S. SIVAKUMAR (THIRUVANANTHAPURAM) : I would like to raise a matter regarding the construction of International Airport Terminal project at Trivandrum. The foundation stone for this project was laid in July, 2000 by the Hon'ble Civil Aviation Minister. The project envisages the construction of an expanded new terminal at Trivandrum by Airports Authority of India due to space constraints and to meet future traffic requirements. However, in view of AAI's subsequent inability to undertake the project owing to financial constraints, the State government had offered to take up requisite land acquisition and construction at its own cost, by mobilizing alternative sources of revenue, including State budgetary and institutional resources. The State government has spent considerable resources on land acquisition and other preparatory works based on the sanction accorded by the Civil Aviation Ministry.

I, therefore, request the Government to give necessary instructions to Airport Authority of India to complete the project without further delay.