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Title: Regarding setting up an International Airport at Aranmula.

SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH (MAVELIKKARA): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the Government to an important issue.

In the Central Travancore area there is no international airport. There is a long pending demand to set up an international airport in the Central Travancore area.

There is a proposal to build an international airport in Aranmula, which is very near to my parliamentary constituency. If Aranmula airport comes through, it will be helpful to the people of my parliamentary constituency, which is the centre point of Chengannur. Chengannur is the Municipal town and gateway of Sabarimala. If the Government of India gives permission for setting up this Aranmula airport, it will be helpful to lakhs and lakhs of Ayappa devotees. If this Aranmula airport is set up either in government sector or under PPP model, that will be helpful for the people of the Central Travancore area. Therefore, I urge upon the Government to set up this airport in the public sector under PPP model.