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Title: Need to expedite the upgradation of Imphal Airport.

**DR. R.K. RANJAN (INNER MANIPUR):** Thank you, Chairman, Sir. It is a great initiative of the Ministry of Civil Aviation that Imphal Airport will soon be upgraded with the construction of a new integrated terminal building along with the ancillary facilities that would cost over Rs. 720 crore. It would be five times bigger than the existing one and we will see the Airport as an intra-regional hub. An international level consultant group led by Kochi based KITCO Ltd. has been entrusted to design and take care of other architectural works of the new terminal building which is expected from 2<sup>nd</sup> October this year with a target of completion within three years. Once the project is commissioned, we expect that greater number of domestic and international flights will operate to and from Imphal to other international airports and national airports.

By that time, the annual power requirement of the Imphal International Airport will be 2.2 MW. This power requirement would be met with the power generated through solar power.

I would request the hon. Minister, through you, to complete it on schedule and within the cost limit set by the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India.