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Title: Need to take initiative to operate direct flights to Mangalore and Kannur from Delhi and Vice versa.

SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN (KASARAGOD): Sir, due to lack of time, I am dropping my introduction, and straight away coming to the point.

People who are travelling from Delhi to Kannur-Mangalore sector they do not have any direct flight to travel. I represent Kasaragod Parliamentary Constituency, which is in the northern part of Kerala in which five Assembly constituencies belong to the Kasaragod district. The nearest airport is in Mangalore. Rest of the two constituencies belong to Kannur. The nearest airport is located in Kannanur.

I am sorry to say here that there is no direct flight operating from Delhi to Mangalore and Delhi to Kannur and *vice versa*. At the time of Parliament Session, I could not attend throughout the Session due to untimely schedule of the flight from Delhi to Bengaluru. I had to wait at Bangalore airport for three hours to catch connecting flight to Mangalore or Kannur. Air India and some other private operators are ready to operate flights in this sector if the Government takes the initiative. So, I put forward a polite request to the hon. Minister, through you, Sir, to the Government to take initiative to operate direct flights to Mangalore and Kannur from Delhi and *vice versa*.

