

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding operationalisation of Vellore Airport, Tamil Nadu-laid

**SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND (VELLORE):** The Government has recently announced that five airports in Tamil Nadu are being built under the 'Ude Desh Ka Aam Naagrik' (UDAN) programme. Among this, Vellore airport is likely to be completed and made operational very soon. Unfortunately, the much-awaited opening of the Vellore airport is getting delayed further due to reasons better known to the Airports Authority of India. Vellore is one of the fastest growing City Corporations in Tamil Nadu. The CMC hospital at Vellore attracts lots of patients everyday from surrounding Districts and States. Apart from commercial success, Vellore is known for Educational excellence. Lots of students from other states and countries are visiting Vellore. Likewise, pilgrims from all over India and abroad are visiting Vellore. Vellore is the most important historical city which has tremendous growth potential and will be a wonderful place if the government or any private player starts a flying school at Vellore to train commercial pilots which requires a flying school. Therefore, I request the union Government to expedite the completion of the airport at Vellore and facilitate the air travel to Vellore from Cities in Tamil Nadu and neighbouring States like Andhra, Telangana, Karnataka and Kerala.