

Regarding airport at Balurghat

DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR (BALURGHAT): Respected Chairman Sir, I wish to draw the attention of hon. Minister through you to the issue of Balurghat airport. Few years back Airport Authority of India handed over Balurghat airport to the state government in exchange of rupee one. The development work of this Balurghat airport was entrusted with the state government. The state government has developed that airport; it is now ready for operations. But since the state government has not taken appropriate steps, despite being a part of the UDAAN scheme, no planes are at present flying from Balurghat airport; Thus I wish to request respected minister that, they should have a dialogue with the state government, so that if need be, the single engine aircraft which is operational till Cooch Behar, can be started from Balurghat airport. If this happens, then not only the people of Balurghat and South Dinajpur district, but those of Malda, Murshidabad, North Dinajpur, i.e. residents of about four five Lok Sabha constituency will benefit.