

Title: Need to resume scheduled flights to and from Salem Airport in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI T.M. SELVAGANPATHI (SALEM): Salem is one of the largest industrial cities and a famous tourist location in Tamil Nadu. The surrounding districts of Salem district are also having large industrial activities. However, the people of Salem district and its neighbouring districts are deprived of air traffic facilities. Salem has got one of the finest airports in the country but no scheduled flights are operated from Salem. To establish this finest airport at Salem, the Government spent about Rs. 6 crore and finally the Airport was inaugurated in the year 1993. In 1994, for about three months, scheduled flights were operated from and to Salem, and thereafter these services were discontinued. Now this beautiful airport is being used by the non-scheduled operators. Therefore, I urge upon the Government to resume scheduled flights operation from and to Salem from different parts of the country urgently.