

Title : Need to re-open Rupshi Airport between Guwahati and Baghodogra in Dhubri District, Assam-Laid.

SHRI ABDUL HAMID (DHUBRI): The Rupshi Airport which is situated in between Guwahati and Baghogra in Dhubri District of Assam has been lying non-functional since 1985. It is one of the oldest airports in North-Eastern States since British Rule. It has got good infrastructural facilities including a good runway, air towers, commercial buildings, etc., with a huge quantity of surplus land for further expansion. It is the only airport which covers the entire lower Assam including some parts of Meghalaya and North Bengal. It is the long-standing public demand of Assam and North Bengal to re-open the Rupshi Airport. During the year 1998, the then Civil Aviation Minister assured the North-Eastern MPs. To re-open the Rupshi Airport but nothing has been done. After the economic liberalisation, the entire country is taking advantage of private airlines but the people of this part of the country are deprived of this facility due to the non-existence of an airport. I request the Union Government to take necessary steps to take necessary steps to re-open the Rupshi Airport.