

Title: Need to re-introduce Calcutta-Shillong air service by using 50-seater aircraft.

SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH (SHILLONG): Sir, Meghalaya, a State in the North-Eastern Region, is not presently airlined and does not appear in the aviation map of the country. Shillong, the capital of the State and the erstwhile capital of Assam since 1874 till Meghalaya was created in 1972, is not linked by air although it has a 6,000 ft. airfield at Umroi and used to be connected by air to Calcutta. A huge sum of money sanctioned for the construction of the airfield and its complex has thus become infructuous. There is indeed a proposal to increase the length of runway to enable landing of bigger aircraft. But pending implementation of this proposal which will take time, I urge upon the government to re-introduce Calcutta-Shillong air service by using 50-seater aircraft either by Indian Airlines or any private airline.
