Title: Demand to take action against the serious lapses on safety and security arrangements at the Delhi Airport and the irresponsible attitude of the Airport Authority of India.

PROF. A.K. PREMAJAM (BADAGARA): Sir, thank you for this opportunity.

I would like to bring to the attention of this august House the callous, indifferent and irresponsible attitude of the Airports Authority of India and a private company, Otis, which had slaughtered a young girl of eights years in the early hours of Monday. There was no one to attend to the emergency situation, neither the personnel of the Airports Authority of India nor the personnel of the Otis. About 45 minutes elapsed before anybody came to deal with this tragic situation. Neither an ambulance nor a first-aid kit was available in the premises of the airport.

I would like to draw the attention of the Government to the serious lapses on the part of the Airports Authority of India throughout the last year. During the last winter a very bad situation developed at the airport due to fog. The Airports Authority of India failed to combat with the situation which caused loss of crores and crores of rupees to the exchequer and inconvenience and loss of money to the passengers thereby creating a very embarrassing situation.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: There cannot be a discussion during `zero hour". What do you want the Central Government to do specifically?

PROF. A.K. PREMAJAM : Sir, I am drawing the attention of the House to the serious lapses on safety and security arrangements in the airport premises. Not even an ambulance was available during the time of this shocking incident. Even the first-aid kit was not available. It is a very serious matter.

Now, Winter season has come, and if the fog is not combated, that will lead further to a serious and dangerous situation. So, I am drawing the attention of the Government to see to the entire situation on safety measures. MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Now, Shri Tufani Saraoj

... (Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: You can also associate yourself with what she has said.

... (Interruptions)

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE (BOLPUR): Sir, for 45 minutes, there was no medical facilities available. There was no doctor available. There was even no ambulance available during the time of incident. So, something should be done about it... (Interruptions)

">श्री तूफ़ानी सरोज (सैदपुर) : उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं उत्तर प्रदेश के सैदपुर लोकसभा क्षेत्र का प्रतिनिधित्व करता हूं। वाराणसी-जौनपुर के बीच में औरिहार - जौनपुर छोटी रेल लाइन १९९४ से बंद पड़ी हुई है जिसके लिये कई बार रेल मंत्रालय का ध्यान दिलाया जा चुका है लेकिन इस दिशा में कोई प्रगति नहीं हुई है...

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">SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE : Sir, we have come to know that then and there an offer of money was made to the affected family members, which was totally rejected by them. Sir, that was not the occasion to offer money. I read in the newspapers that after being offered the compensation, the affected family members said, `what is this? We will give you money, give us our daughter."

">So, we want to know the response of the Government here.

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): Sir, I will ask the Minister of Civil Aviation to make a statement in this regard tomorrow... (Interruptions)

">MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: All Right. The concerned Minister will make a statement tomorrow.

">SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA (BANKURA): Sir, the incident had taken place day before yesterday. Now, he says that the concerned Minister will make a statement. When will he make a statement?... (Interruptions)...He should have come with a suo motu statement yesterday itself.

">MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs has already said that he will convey to the Minister of Civil Aviation, to make a statement.

">... (Interruptions)

">SHRI RAJESH PILOT (DAUSA): Sir, check it up whether the money was offered or not. He has asked a valid question that whether the Government had offered them money on the spot. If it us true, it is very hurting. The Minister must have known all the facts by this time. ... (Interruptions)

">MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: In his statement, all these things can be mentioned.

">Now, Shri Tufani Saroj.

">... (Interruptions)

SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI (RAIGANJ): Sir, the hon. Minister had made several statements on the airport during the day of incident. But nothing has been said by him in the Lok Sabha. It is only on our insistence now that the hon. Minister of Parliamentary Affairs says that he would ask the hon. Minister of Civil Aviation to make a statement in this regard... (Interruptions)

">श्री सत्यव्रत चतुर्वेदी (खजुराहो) : उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, मैंने भी इस विषय पर नोटिस दिया है

... (व्यवधान)

.. उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, यह एक बहुत ही गंभीर मामला है। ऐसा पहली बार नहीं हुआ है। ऐसी घटनायें एअरपोर्ट पर पहले भी हो चुकी हैं।">

">MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Parliamentary Affairs has already said that the concerned Minister would make a statement tomorrow. Now, please sit down.

">... (Interruptions)

">श्री सत्यव्रत चतुर्वेदी : उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, केवल मंत्री जी के स्टेटमेंट देने से बात पूरी नहीं हो जाती। मेरा कहना है कि इस पर चर्चा होनी चाहिये।

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">MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: If senior Members are also behaving like this, tell me, how I can conduct the House?

">... (Interruptions)

">श्री तूफानी सरोज : उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, वाराणसी-जौनपुर के बीच में औरिहा-जौनपुर छोटी रेल लाइन १९९४ से बंद पड़ी हुई है जिसके संबंध में रेल मंत्रालय का ध्यान कई बार दिलाया जा चुका है...

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">SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI : Sir, on such occasions, the concerned Minister should come before the House and instantly inform the House about the developments... (Interruptions)

">MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Priya Ranjan Dasmunsi, let me tell you that this is the `Zero Hour''. When there are some matters of urgent public importance, the Government takes note of it. He has already said that the concerned Minister would come and make a statement tomorrow. But again you are raising it. Please understand that so many important issues are listed in today"s `Zero Hour''. Let others also get the chance to speak.

">... (Interruptions)