

**Title:** Regarding need for early commissioning of airport at Kargil-Laid.

SHRI HASSAN KHAN (LADAKH) : Construction of an airport at Kargil at a cost of Rs.35 crores is almost complete now. It will link the far-flung and historical place of Kargil with rest of the country when at present it remains cut off for more than six months in a year. An early air link to this bordering district will be a rememberable service to the people of the area as well as to the brave Jawans and their families serving in the region under most inhospitable conditions. Air Service to Kargil is definitely going to attract domestic as well as foreign tourist to the region. As far as the people of India are concerned, Tiger Hill, Tololing, Mushko, Batalik and, Chorbatila in Kargil have become the new shrines of pilgrimages as every Indian knows that these names have brought glory to the nation and pride to Mother India. For the foreign tourists, Kargil is a central place in Ladakh where from they can plan their adventure as well as sight seeing tours to any direction in the region in less time and exertions. The Ministry of civil Aviation is requested to kindly step up the concluding formalities including a flight plan to this new airport. We the people of Kargil salute to the Airport Authority of India and its executing agencies for their devotion in completing the airport at Kargil in most insecure and inhospitable situations.

MR. SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned till 11 a.m. tomorrow

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**The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock**

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