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Title : Need to declare Jaipur Airport as an international airport and provide funds for its modernisation.

SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH (JHALAWAR): Sir, Rajasthan is a well known and popular tourist destination both for domestic as well as international tourists. The forts, palaces, fairs, festivals and several other places of tourist interests draw a large number of tourists to that state every year. One of the basic requirements of international airport.

The Government of India has allowed two international flights to Jaipur Airport. The Union Finance Minister, while presenting the Vote on Accounts for 2004-05 has announced in Parliament that the Jaipur Airport would be upgraded to an International Airport. But it is regrettable that neither the notification for the same has been issued till date nor any funds allocated for upgrading the facilities at Jaipur Airport.

The required runway for International flights has already been built at Jaipur. Once the Jaipur Airport is upgraded and declared as an International Airport, the tourists will get the benefit from the open skies policy of the Government of India. It will also help international flights in winter when the Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi goes out of use on account of fog.

As such, I demand that the Jaipur Airport is declared as an International Airport without further delay.