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Title : Need to widen run-way at G.N.B Airport, Guwahati for resuming operations of international flights.

SHRIANWAR HUSSAIN (DHUBRI): The G.N.B. Airport, Guwahati has been declared as an International Airport without having proper infrastructure. Few days after operation of an international flight, the services were closed down.

Secondly, Hajjis from N-E States were promised categorically that they could avail direct flight from Guwahati to Jeddah with effect from 2004-05 Haj. The runway of Guwahati Airport was unfit for big Air-grafts, and Jeddah Airport Authority refused landing of small Air-crafts at Jeddah. At the last moment, the Hajjis from Guwahati were carried to Kolkata and they were sent to Jeddah causing great inconvenience. Knowing the problems very well, the Civil Aviation Department has not taken any step to widen the runways of GNB Airport at Guwahati to avoid further inconvenience.

Therefore, I urge upon the Hon'ble Minister of Civil Aviation to pay due consideration for widening the run-way and also, resuming operation of international flights immediately.