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Title : Decline in services and passengers safety standards in Civil Aviation.

SHRI RUPCHAND PAL (HOOGHLY): Sir, for quite some time chaos is prevailing in almost all the major airports of our country. There is inordinate delay and passengers are being harassed like anything. Not only that, but there is lack of maintenance. Aircraft are not being properly maintained. So, what is happening is that safety standards are being compromised. Last evening the nose wheel of Kolkata--Delhi flight got blocked while it was landing in such a manner that it was going to face a very serious accident. In this flight there were nearly 170 passengers, which included the Chief Minister of West Bengal, the former Chief Minister of West Bengal and many other dignitaries. There were a large number of passengers. There is lack of maintenance. There is proliferation of airlines. There is no maintenance by the engineering staff. There is shortage of staff and the Government is recklessly going in for privatisation. There is no Civil Aviation Policy. The merger of Sahara Airlines and Jet Airways is taking place in such a manner that it is against any principle the world over^[r5].

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It is monopolising the airport space and all these things. In such a situation, we demand that the Government should come out how they propose to improve the situation, do away with the prevailing chaos in the airports as also how to improve the Civil Aviation Policy.