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Title: Need to develop the unused airports at Amarda road and Jharsuguda in Orissa with a view to promote tourism, trade and industry in the area.

SHRI JUAL ORAM (SUNDERGARH): Sir, a large number of domestic airports constructed in the country during Second World War are lying unused. There are two such airports – one at Amarda road and another at Jharsuguda in the State of Orissa. These airports are very spacious. If these airports are properly developed and included in the air map of India, large number of tourists will come to see the places of tourist interest around these areas. The airport at Jharsuguda will give a boost to tourism and industrial sector as no other airport is located nearby. The air passengers from Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and western Orissa will exclusively use that airport. Besides promoting tourism, the Jharsuguda airport will promote trade and industry in these mineral rich areas. As the airport is already in existence there, the Government will not have to spend much on paying compensation to land oustees while acquiring land.

I request the Government that the non-operational airports located near Jharsuguda and at Amarda Road since Second World War time be developed as full-fledged airports at the earliest.