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Title: Need to extend night landing facility at Vishakhapatnam Airport.

SHRI KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU (SRIKAKULAM): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the greater Visakhapatnam city is a fast growing city in the South Asia. So many big industries including the Caltex, Hindustan Shipyard, Gannagavaram Port are located there. Even the Vizag Steel Plant is also located there.

Recently, a new runway was completed and handed over to the Airport Authorities. New flights are running there. But in spite of the night landing facilities provided there, the flights are not operating during night time. That Airport belongs to the Defence people. It is due to lack of infrastructure and staff that the night landing facilities are not operating there. The concerned file is pending with the Ministry of Finance for sanction of posts.

Now, as a number of people are flying from Visakhapatnam to Singapore, Malaysia and other countries, I would request the Government of India to initiate immediate action to sanction posts for the Defence Ministry.