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Title: Need to declare Biju Patnaik Airport at Bhubaneswar as an international Airport.

SHRI JUAL ORAM (SUNDERGARH): There has been an inordinate delay in the declaration of Biju Patnaik Airport at Bhubaneswar as an International Airport. A master plan has been prepared for the further expansion of the Airport in collaboration with Sweden keeping in view its increasing traffic in next 20 years. Thus, the Bhubaneswar Airport has become one of the model Airports of the country.

Once the airport is upgraded as international airport the flow of tourists and particularly foreign tourists will increase tremendously. That will generate employment for the local people and help the growth of trade and industry in the state of Orissa. It will give a boost to IT. sector. Besides the country will earn additional foreign exchange.

As such, I demand that the modernization and expansion of the Biju Patnaik Airport be given top priority and the ongoing activities relating thereto may be completed expeditiously. I demand that the airport at Bhubaneswar be declared as International Airport without any further delay.