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Title: Need to review the decision to privatize airports belonging to the Airports Authority of India.

PROF. SAUGATA ROY (DUM DUM): The Government of India has decided to privatize six airports belonging to the Airports Authority of India. These airports are Kolkata, Chennai, Lucknow, Jaipur, Ahmedabad and Guwahati. Of these, Kolkata and Chennai airports were modernized recently at a cost of Rs. 2300 crores and Rs. 2100 crores respectively. The privatization would mean handing over public assets to private parties. This is being strongly opposed by all unions and associations of the Airport Authority. The Unions have even given a call for strike ballot against this decision for privatization. In this situation, I would urge the Government to reconsider the decision or keep it in abeyance till the elections are over.