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Title: Need to review the decision of Indian Aviation Company Limited to replace Indian Airlines Flights by Air India Express from Gulf countries to Calicut.

SHRI MOHAMMED E.T. BASHEER (PONNANI): I wish to draw the attention of this House towards the problem arising out of the decision of the Indian Aviation Company.

They have taken a decision to replace the Air India Express instead of Indian Airlines, between Calicut and Gulf sector. Needless to say that this sector is a very important income generating sector of Indian Airlines. AB 320 and 319 flights were operating in this sector. As per this decision, Air India Express 737 will be replaced. This has created a lot of difficulties for the passengers, especially from the gulf countries to Calicut, which is known as the Headquarters of Malabar. We all know that the carrying capacity and the luggage capacity of the Air India Express are very much less than Indian Airlines. So, the passengers are facing a lot of difficulties. Even the mortal remains, as and when required, were allowed to be brought to homeland. That also will be come impossible with this new decision. So, the Government may restore the Indian Airlines, instead of Air India Express which they have introduced recently. I appeal to the hon. Minister of Aviation to take urgent necessary steps in this regard.