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Title: Need to set up an Airport in Warangal district, Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI RAJIAH SIRICILLA (WARANGAL): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I thank you for giving me this opportunity to bring an important and vital issue pertaining to my constituency before this august House and this is with regard to upgradation and establishment of airports.

Warangal district is the fourth biggest district in Andhra Pradesh and Warangal is the second biggest city in Telangana region of Andhra Pradesh. It has several educational institutions which give admission not only to Indian nationals but also NRIs. As we know, Warangal is a historical city. It was the headquarters of the Kakatiya Dynasty. It has several tourism destinations. Earlier there was an airport in Warangal and Vayudoot service was in operation. But it was stopped and the reasons are not known.

Having an airport at Warangal is a long-pending dream of the people of my constituency. The earlier airport at Warangal has about 775 acres of land and in addition to that, certain infrastructure is also available there. Previously Vayudoot service was in operation. Though the Government is promising to establish an airport at Warangal, it has not materialized so far.

The reasons are not known. It is important now to bring this to the kind notice of this august House that the Begumpet Airport, which is an international airport, was in operation with 750 acres of land, whereas in Warangal the land available is 775 acres. Therefore, I would like to draw the attention of the Government to initiate necessary steps for establishment and construction of an airport there so as to upgrade the Warrangal town at par with other towns of the country.