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Title: Need to construct an airport at Androth Island in Lakshadweep.

SHRI HAMDULLAH SAYEED (LAKSHADWEEP): I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards the proposed construction of an Airport at Androth Island in Lakshadweep. The proposal is pending for the last 16 years. Lakshadweep has been granted the status of Scheduled Tribe area under Schedule 5 of the Constitution of India on account of its geographical isolation from the mainland. The Airport is indispensable to remove the geographical isolation of these islands from mainland. Government should bridge the gap between the far flung islands and the mainland which is possible only through an Airport.

I, therefore, request and urge the Government to immediately direct the concerned authorities to construct the Airport for the welfare of the locals and the development of the islands keeping in mind the remoteness of these islands.