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Title: Need to increase the frequency of Air India Flights between Kerala and Gulf countries during the festive season of Ramadan and Onam.

SHRI K. SUDHAKARAN (KANNUR): There is genuine demand for the increase of Air India and Air India Express services during the Ramadan and Onam festival period, between Kerala and Gulf Countries. The migrant workers from Kerala are facing difficulties during these festival season, due to insufficient flight service and huge hike in ticket rates. During these festival seasons, these migrant workers are forced to pay exorbitant rate for Air tickets from Gulf countries to Kerala. During these festive seasons every Keralite wishes to come to Kerala to unite with their entire family. It is a well noticed fact that passengers of a particular flight, travelling in the same sector pay different fares for the same date and class of journey. Air India can make necessary and adequate arrangements for these people from Kerala, who play a vital role for the development of the State, by increasing number of flight services from the existing frequency to meet the passengers' demand. This will, in one way also lead to revenue generation for national carriers as well as create high confidence among our national carriers in future also. State Government of Kerala is very pro-active to make all other arrangements for arrival and departure of passengers at Kozhikode, Kochi and Thiruvanthapuram Airports. I would request the Union Government to rush in with adequate measures especially during this festival season, to meet the aspirations of people from Kerala who are contributing to the development of the state in a commendable way.