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Title: Need to provide night landing facilities at Bagdogra Airport in West Bengal and implement master plan for its development.

SHRI ADHIR CHOWDHURY (BAHARAMPUR): Bagdogra Airport is the only airport in the Northern region of West Bengal which acts as a launching pad for the tourists both domestic and foreign who intend to tour the Majestic Himalaya and the verdant green plains of the Tarai and doons. The airport has been conferred upon the status of Customs airport soon after the introduction of Druk Airline of Bhutan.

It has also registered a phenomenal growth in passenger traffic over the years including cargo movements which clearly vindicates the potentialities of this airport.

But despite all the potentialities, it still lacks night landing facilities of the passenger Aircrafts.

A master plan was prepared in order to facilitate traffic but it has not been implemented. In view of the strategic location which may augur a economic boon in this area, I would urge upon the Government to consider the implementation of the master plan as early as possible.