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Title: Issue regarding strike of the pilots of Air India.

SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA (GHATAL): Madam, I am raising the issue of Air India, the strike of the pilots and dismissal of a number of pilots by the Government. I do not like to go into the merit of their demands. Neither do I say that catcall strike should be a part of normal tribunal agitation; neither should I ask the Government to be so aggressive as to take the course of dismissal.

Madam, the question is that Air India is being destroyed. Step by step, Air India is going to be destroyed. I appeal to the pilots to withdraw the strike. At the same time, I appeal to the Government to take back the pilots and call them for discussion. But the issue is a deep-rooted malady in Air India. For years together, Air India has been sought to be destroyed by the Governments, one after another. Payment of salary is being delayed for a month. Grievances of the workers and employees are not being looked into. At a point of time, the merger was the policy. Air India and Indian Airlines were merged despite opposition. Now they have changed their policy. Now they are going to split Air India. Engineers are being separated. Ground handling is being given to another company. After merger, there is a split. Wonderful change of policy by the Government! The point is, Madam, this wild change, wild decision-making process is creating a problem which will bring our national carrier to shame, absolute shame. The revival package is faulty. Private players are being given patronage. Air India is being discriminated against.

I appeal the Government to protect Air India and not to destroy it. Pilots should not go on strike; but the Government should listen to them. There should be a complete revival package. In no case private players should be promoted. In no case corruption should be indulged in. In no case the national carrier should come to a shameful end.

MADAM SPEAKER: Hon. Members

Shri P.Lingam and

Dr. Ram Chandra Dome associate with Shri Gurudas Dasgupta on this issue.

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अध्यक्ष महोदया : श्री रेवती रमण सिंह, बहुत संक्षेप में बोलिए, ... (व्यवधान)

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA (BANKURA): Madam, I associate myself with this issue. The Minister is here. He should respond. There is a crisis. More than ten pilots have been dismissed.

MADAM SPEAKER: Nothing else will go on record.

(Interruptions)\* â€¦

अध्यक्ष महोदया : प्लीज आप बैठ जाइए, रेवती रमण सिंह जी आप बोलिए।

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