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Title: Need to make Mysore Airport in Karnataka operational in order to reduce the burden on Bangalore Airport.

SHRI R. DHRUVANARAYANA (CHAMRAJANAGAR): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to bring your kind attention with regard to the Mysore Airport.

The Mysore Airport was developed under MoU between Airports Authority of India and Government of Karnataka and it was inaugurated for commercial operations on 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2011. At present, the airport is capable of handling ATR-72 type of aircrafts with three parking bays including all the navigation facilities.

Since, 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2011, Kingfisher Airlines has withdrawn operations from Mysore Airport, which resulted in no commercial operations till today. Mysore is a hub for tourism, national and international conferences, Government offices as well as there are companies like Infosys, TVS, Wipro, Jubilant, L & T, United Breweries, ITC, BEML, CFTRI, DFRL and RBI. The survey also says that there is a huge potential of approximately 250 - 300 passengers per day.

Incidentally, Mysore holds Dussehra celebrations, ISRO conferences and other workshops at international levels. There is a dire need to decongest the Bangalore Airport, by diverting the traffic to Mysore Airport in future.

The House may be aware that due to the recent Kingfisher Airline's crisis, the private airlines are not keen to commence operations soon from Mysore Airport.

Hence, I would like to request the hon. Minister for Civil Aviation – through the Chair – to operate flights by Air India from Mysore to various destinations to unleash the potential of Mysore Airport immediately.

MR. CHAIRMAN :

Shri P.L. Punia may be allowed to associate himself with the matter raised by Shri R. Dhruvanarayana