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Title : Need to undertake the expansion work of Vellore Airport to facilitate the setting up of Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Aeronautical Science and Training of Pilots Academy in Vellore, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI D. VENUGOPAL (TIRUVANNAMALAI): Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Aeronautical Science and Training of Pilots Academy in memory of former Prime Minister Late Shri Rajiv Gandhi will now be set up in Vellore instead of Sriperumbudur near Chennai as per the technical suggestion by the Airports Authority of India under Union Ministry of Civil Aviation. Establishing of this Institute will be done by Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation with AAI under Public Private Partnership Mode along with the expansion of Vellore Airport. Hence I urge upon the Union Government to take up at the earliest the expansion of Vellore Airport to facilitate the setting up of Rajiv Gandhi Pilots Academy. This expansion will also help adding pace to the Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry's establishing of Industrial corridor of excellence between Chennai and Bangaluru.