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Title: Need to introduce bus service between Vijayawada airport and Vijayawada bus terminus.

SHRI JAYADEV GALLA (GUNTUR): Civil Aviation Minister has rightly observed that Vijayawada airport is worse than bus stand, because it lacks in providing even basic facilities to air passengers. It is the airport serving the upcoming capital of Andhra Pradesh, is going to become an international airport very soon and every such airport is expected to have minimum facilities inside and outside having connectivity between the airport and the nearby city. In this case, it lacks both.

There is no doubt that it will take some time to upgrade this airport to meet the expectations of today's air traveler who is used to better facilities at airports, but it is a nightmare for any passenger to reach airport from the city. There is absence of proper transport for respective destination for the commuters.. In the absence of public transport, passengers are being fleeced by private taxi operators.

Other airports such as RGTL, Hyderabad run paid Pushpak Airport Liner buses for the convenience of passengers for commutation between the airport and city. Likewise, DTC runs buses at IGI in Delhi. But, there is no such facility at Vijayawada. I strongly feel that if airport has to generate enough traffic in future, there is urgent need to provide reliable and efficient public transport connectivity between the airport, Vijayawada and its adjoining cities like Tenali, Guntur and Mangalagiri.

Hence, I request Airport Authority of India (AAI) to make arrangements for bus connectivity between airport and Vijayawada Bus Terminus connecting important places in between for the benefit of passengers.