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Title: Need to modernize the Tuticorin Airport in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE (THOOTHUKUDI): Tuticorin is a busy and productive port city known for rapid industrial progress in Tamil Nadu. Constructing a New Airport Terminal and to declare it as an international airport with frequent air services to Maldives, Sri Lanka, Far East and Middle east countries and as an International trans-shipment Air cargo Terminal is a pressing demand of various organizations of Tuticorin.

The present airport at Tuticorin needs to be developed. Airports Authority of India should acquire adequate land for its expansion and for future development. The runway is inadequate for operating Boeing and Airbus services and needs expansion to accommodate bigger international aircraft. An advanced satellite based automatic dependent surveillance broadcast system (ADS-B) Doppler VOR systems is needed to improve operational efficiency and safety. Instrumental Landing System (ILS) be installed with night landing facilities. Further, permission to start services from and to Tuticorin needs to be granted for private operators and Air India with re-fuelling facility.