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Title: Need to provide a direct international flights from Coimbatore to gulf countries.

SHRI P. NAGARAJAN (COIMBATORE): Sir, Coimbatore is the second largest city in Tamil Nadu and the most important commercial centre in South India. Coimbatore and its surroundings have a large number of Industries and textile units doing exports to foreign countries particularly, the Gulf Countries. Coimbatore District is the hub of textile and knitwear industries and contributes substantial foreign exchange reserves to the Government of India through exports. At present, people from business community, industrialists, skilled professionals in both Coimbatore and gulf countries have to catch a flight either to Mumbai or Chennai to reach the destinations as there is no direct flight service between coimbatore and gulf countries.

Coimbatore is also attracting more people from gulf countries including business people, buyers and even patients for medical treatment. There is a huge demand for direct flight services to gulf countries from coimbatore and will be more profitable too.

I, therefore, urge the Government of India to provide a direct international flight services between Coimbatore and gulf countries to facilitate the air traffic requirement of the people of Coimbatore.