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Title: Need to expedite the construction of Sambalpur Airport in Odisha.

SHRI NAGENDRA KUMAR PRADHAN (SAMBALPUR): Thank you hon. Speaker, Madam, I want to draw your kind attention regarding the Airport at Jharsuguda.

Odisha Government and Airports Authority of India have entered two MoUs on 30th July 2014 regarding environmental impact assessment studies for the project which have been done. The Consultant was appointed on 26th August, 2014 and TRO was approved by the MoEF on 19th March 2015. Administrative approval and E/S was accorded for Rs. 176.90 crore on 20th August, 2014. Geotechnical investigation and Topographical survey are completed and further work has been undertaken by the Civil Aviation Department. The State Government of Odisha contributed Rs. 75 crore, which is non-refundable, for the development of infrastructure along with 120 acres of land.

Therefore, it is requested that the work is to be completed on a war footing because this is the second recognised airport, undertaken by the Civil Aviation Department, after the airport at Bhubaneswar, Odisha. This will serve the local people. It would also speed-up the industrialisation in Western Odisha. IIM has been already set up and courses have already begun there. A large number of engineering colleagues, medical colleges RDC offices, DIG office, MCL office along with more than 20 mines, Collectorate offices of Jharsuguda, Sambalpur and Bargarh are also there. Three districts are also getting all facilities.

Hence, early completion of this airport is to be materialised in the interest of the people of Western Odisha.

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