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Title: Need to set up an airport, railway line and university in Basirhat Constituency

\*SHRI IDRIS ALI (BASIRHAT) : Respected Speaker Madam, I am deeply grateful to you for giving me scope in the Zero Hour. At the outset, let me express my gratitude to one of the most popular and efficient leaders of our country, Hon. Chief Minister of Bengal, Kumari Mamata Banerjee for whom I have been able to be a Member of this august House. I shall be very brief. In my Basirhat constituency, most of the people are from the tribal, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Muslim minority communities. The area of Sundarbans is a tourist hub, but there is no airport in the region. So I appeal to the Government for establishing an airport in the vicinity of Sundarbans. Secondly, a railway line is urgently required from Hasnabad to Samshegunj which is the border of Bangladesh. The Government must take up the project without delay.

Madam, I shall take just one minute more. In my constituency there are 237 colleges, 16 training colleges. But not a single university is found there. It is very unfortunate that in a Lok Sabha constituency we cannot have even one university. Therefore, I demand that as early as possible, a university should be set up in that area to facilitate higher education in my constituency for the benefit of the students. These demands should be met by the Central Government at the earliest.