

Sixteenth Loksabha

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Title: Need for reconsideration of privatization of six airports - Laid.

PROF. SAUGATA ROY (DUM DUM): The Government has decided to privatize six airports presently run by Airport Authority of India under PPP model. The airports are Thiruvananthapuram, Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Lucknow, Mangalore and Guwahati. Thousands of crores of rupees spent from public exchequer to modernize/renovate the above airports. After spending huge amount for the renovation/modernization of the above airports, the Government move to privatize them causing concern to the job safety and security of the employees who are working there. Earlier, at the time of privatization of New Delhi and Mumbai airports, Government assured various welfare schemes for the existing employees. Unfortunately, no welfare schemes were implemented to safeguard the interest of such employees. Again, the same will happen to the employees of the above six airports. The Government must intervene in the matter and take necessary steps to stop the privatization move and take steps to safeguard the interest of the employees of six airports.