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Title: Regarding renaming of Madurai International Airport - Laid

SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE (MUMBAI SOUTH CENTRAL): Shri Ukkirapandi Muthuramalingam Thevar was a remarkable figure and a colleague of Shri Subhash Chandra Bose, the leader of the All India Forward Bloc of which Shri Thevar was the national deputy chairman. He fought for the freedom of our nation and was elected three times to the Parliament. He actively mobilized resistance to the Criminal Tribes Act. He supported the Temple Entry Authorization and Indemnity Act for the upliftment of Dalits and helped them to enter the Meenakshi Temple in Madurai. Through his efforts, the people considered as untouchables got freedom to enter the temples. Later, he was honored with his life-size portrait installed in the Tamil Nadu Assembly in 1980 and in the Parliament House in 2002.

My request to the Government is to name the Madurai International Airport after the freedom fighter Pasumpon U Muthuramalingam Thevar, to honor his contributions to the building of this nation.