

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Request to grant International status to Madurai Airport in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI B. MANICKAM TAGORE (VIRUDHUNAGAR): Sir, I rise here to make a request regarding the Madurai Airport. There is discrimination towards the Madurai Airport. It is an Airport which came into existence in 1956. It got a new terminal in 2010 during the UPA Government regime but it is still waiting for an international status. We are not against any of the airports like Gorakhpur or Tirupati which are upgraded to international airports. I would like to know why this discrimination continues with the Madurai Airport. We are waiting for the bilateral agreements with the Gulf countries including Malaysia, Singapore and others. The entire South Tamil Nadu is connected through Madurai Airport.

I would like to request the hon. Civil Aviation Minister to grant international status to the Madurai Airport as early as possible.