

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding installation of Instrument Landing System (ILS) at Jharsuguda Airport in Odisha and to provide air connectivity to Mumbai and Bengaluru from Jharsuguda airport.

SHRI NITESH GANGA DEB (SAMBALPUR): Hon. Speaker, Sir, I thank you for allowing me to speak in the Zero Hour.

Sir, Jharsuguda Airport is the only airport in Western Odisha region which has started commercial flights recently to Delhi and Kolkata. Sir, the people of Western Odisha and myself would like to thank the hon. Prime Minister for providing air connectivity to Bhubaneswar, Raipur and Ranchi under the UDAN Scheme.

Sir, I am very sorry to inform you that the passengers are facing a lot of difficulties when the flight gets delayed or cancelled due low visibility and bad weather condition. I caught a flight from Delhi to Jharsuguda. But I landed up in Banaras. It was a distance for one and a half hour only. But it took six hours to reach Jharsuguda.

Sir, I would like to state for your kind information that the flight from Delhi to Jharsuguda and *vice-verse* has been cancelled on Monday, 29th July, 2019 for every Monday for the next two months.

Sir, I request the Ministry of Civil Aviation to immediately provide state of art Instrument Landing System (ILS) in Jharsuguda Airport in order to provide uninterrupted Air service to the people of Sambalpur and other adjoining districts of Western Odisha.

Sir, I further request the Government of India to provide air connectivity to Mumbai and Bengaluru from Jharsuguda Airport at the

earliest. Thank you.