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Title: Regarding transfer of defence land for expansion of Tiruchirapalli International Airport runway -laid.

**SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR (TIRUCHIRAPPALLI):** Tiruchirappalli International Airport Terminal, Tamilnadu has exhausted its capacity due to increasing domestic and international traffic. A proposal was mooted by AAI in 2010-2011 to extend runway length upto 12,500 feet to handle wide-bodied aircraft, augment its cargo and passenger handling capacity upto 3.52 million by 2025-2026. The foundation stone for the new terminal was laid in February 2019. AAI has submitted a request to the State Government, for acquisition of 510.30 acres of land which also included 164.68 acres of defence land. The State Government had in 2018 accorded administrative sanction to acquire about 345.62 acres of land for runway extension and the process is underway. However, the process of transfer of defence land is unduly delayed due to various reasons.

I shall, therefore, urge upon the Hon'ble Defence Minister to kindly take early action to transfer requisite defence land for the long pending expansion of Tiruchirappalli International Airport.