

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Request to resume the air services from salem airport, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI S. R. PARTHIBAN (SALEM): Hon. Speaker, Sir, thank you for giving me an opportunity to speak.

Salem is an upcoming and a fast-growing city in Tamil Nadu and South India. The town has also many industries, like the Salem Steel Plant, Chemplast, MALCO, SISCO, Sago Textiles, automotive and poultry, which provide employment to the citizens of Salem.

Under the Regional Connectivity Scheme of the Civil Aviation, flight services by TruJet Airlines have been commenced from Salem Airport from 25th March, 2018. The lone regional carrier, TruJet Airlines -- operating from Salem-Chennai to Chennai-Salem on a daily basis -- is currently losing its air operator's licence and due to which, it has suspended its flight operations. Due to the non-availability of the flight services, the entrepreneurs and industrialists suffer a lot as their time gets wasted by road travel.

I feel that the hon. Prime Minister's dream scheme of UDAN did not give benefit to the people of Salem. Hence, I would like to request the Government to take immediate action for resuming the air connectivity once again from Salem Airport and provide services to all the sectors.

It may please be noted that Indigo, Spice Jet... .. (*Interruptions*)