

Request to take immediate necessary steps for layover of Bhubaneswar-Patna flight at Deoghar Airport

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK): Thank you, hon. Chairman Sir, for giving me this opportunity.

A large number of pilgrims from Odisha visit Deoghar, which is also known as Baidyanath Dham, an important Hindu pilgrimage site. It is one of the twelve Jyotirlinga sites of Hinduism which is famous for the *mela* of Shrawan. Along with Srisailam, it is one of the few places in India where the Jyotirlinga and the Shaktipeeth are lying together side by side. In Bhubaneswar, we have Harihara, the famous Lingaraja temple. A large number of devotees also visit Baidyanath Dham via Kolkata.

As has already been mentioned, there has been a long-pending demand from the devotees of Thakur Anukulchandra regarding layover of Bhubaneswar-Patna flight at Deoghar. I would urge upon the Government to take immediate necessary steps for layover of Bhubaneswar-Patna flight at Deoghar Airport without further delay in the interest of public at large. Thank you.