

Regarding development of Charbatia Airport

श्री भर्तृहरि महताब (कटक) : मैडम, मेरी रिक्वेस्ट थी कि ज़ीरो आवर में मैं बोल सकूँ, तो दस दिनों के बाद वह दिन आया है। Today is the tenth day. A large number of Members were unable to make their submissions. ? (*Interruptions*)

माननीय सदस्य, मेरा भी नाम नहीं आया है, मैं तो रिक्वेस्ट करके बोल रहा हूँ।? (व्यवधान)

There is a Defence Airfield at Charbatia, Choudwar in Cuttack District. This airfield was constructed by Americans during the Second World War and subsequently, it was maintained by the Air Defence. As most of the Defence air traffic has shifted to the Defence Airfield at Midnapur, West Bengal the Airfield at Charbatia is sparsely used.

Many industries have come up in and around Cuttack and the NALCO township is hardly 50 kilometres from this place. The Kalinganagar township where four mega steel plants have come up in a big way is hardly 60 kilometres away from Charbatia. Paradip is around 70 kilometres away which is more than 120 kilometres from Bhubaneswar. Therefore, my demand is that this Charbatia Airport may be converted into a passenger airport or the passenger air traffic may be allowed to land on Charbatia Airport so that a large number of people get benefitted. This will be the third airport which can be of great help for the people of Odisha.

Therefore, necessary steps need to be taken for passenger planes to land on Charbatia Airport at the earliest. Thank you.