

Title: Need to introduce more international flights and also to restore the flights which have been withdrawn from Kolkata Airport.

SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH (ULUBERIA): Sir, you know that Kolkata Airport is the main entry to the Eastern Zone of India. The problem is, one after another, foreign airlines are withdrawn from Kolkata Airport and, because of that, the business and development of the eastern region is in serious trouble.

The KLM Airlines and the Japan Airlines which were there earlier have been withdrawn and so many other international airlines have also been withdrawn. This has created a big problem. So, the State Government and the Members of Parliament from West Bengal requested the Government to bring back the Kolkata-Singapore flight, Kolkata-Bangkok flight, Kolkata-Tokyo flight, KLM Airlines and Kolkata-London flight along with many other international Airlines which are willing to fly from Kolkata. But the Government is not taking much initiative in this regard. I would specially say that the Japan has is the single largest investment in the eastern region in West Bengal. But they cannot come to Kolkata directly.

So, I request the Government that all these international Airlines which were flying earlier should be restored and new Airlines which want to fly from Kolkata should also be given permission and the Government should take initiative in this matter.