

Title: Requested the Minister of Civil Aviation to provide additional flight service from abroad especially from the Gulf countries to Kerala on the eve of Onam festival.

SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH (ADOOR): Sir, *Onam* is a very important festival of Malayalees. In Kerala, the *Onam* festival has already started....(*Interruptions*) During the *Onam* season, all Malayalees, who are staying abroad, come to Kerala to celebrate this festival with their family members. So, they all depend upon the Air India flights to travel to Kerala from abroad.

The important point is that the entire Air India flight service from different destinations to Kerala has been closed. A number of waiting list passengers are waiting for confirmation of their tickets.

So, I would like to request the hon. Civil Aviation Minister, through you, Sir, to provide additional flight service from abroad especially from the Gulf countries. Moreover, the Government of India should take necessary steps to operate additional flights to Kerala. There is a landing facility at Thiruvananthapuram to operate jumbo aircraft. This is very urgent and very important. I would request the hon. Minister to make necessary arrangements for operating additional flights to Kerala immediately....(*Interruptions*)