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Title : Need to give approval to the proposal of the Government of Kerala to start a state owned airline service 'AIR KERALA'.

SHRI A. SAMPATH (ATTINGAL): More than 5 million Keralites are working or living outside Kerala and more than half of the above said 5 million are living abroad, mainly in gulf countries. There have been a long pressing demand for starting a State Government owned airlines named 'AIR KERALA'. The airfare charged by various airlines from this sector is unjustifiably very high and very often it is very difficult to get passenger tickets and besides sending Cargo. The Government of Kerala has repeatedly requested the Union Government to approve the proposal of the State Government to start the Air Kerala by relaxing the existing criteria, because this will be a wholly State owned enterprise. Hence, I urge upon the Government to give necessary sanction to the State Government of Kerala for starting 'Air Kerala'.