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Title: Alleged irregularities in the construction of new Terminal at Sardar Patel International Airport, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

DR. KIRIT PREMJI BHAI SOLANKI (AHMEDABAD WEST): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, I am coming from Ahmedabad representing the Ahmedabad West Constituency. Recently, in Ahmedabad, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport Terminal II was constructed on which more than Rs. 300 crore had been spent. Unfortunately, since substandard material was used, besides corruption issues, the Airport Terminal Building is not up to the mark. Recently, in Ahmedabad, it was inaugurated on the 4th of July by the hon. Minister of Civil Aviation. Just after that, there was a heavy rain, and the entire building was leaking as it was happening in the Commonwealth Games' Stadiums in Delhi. This building is not operational at present. The hon. Minister has declared it to be operational from the 15th of August, but unfortunately, it has not been operational. According to the information available with me, substandard materials or materials mentioned in the tender documents were not used and that is the reason why it is not up to the mark.

I demand that the International Airport Terminal Building II should be started at the earliest, and good, quality materials should be installed in it. The Old Airport Building was submerged in two to three feet of water and the Airport Building is not up to the mark. I, therefore, demand for an inquiry into the whole matter, and also the use of good materials so that it can be operational as early as possible. Thank you.

Tendered items should be given priority in construction