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Need to introduce Airbus service from Silchar to Guwahati and increase the frequency of Airbus flights from Silchar to Kolkata-laid.

SHRI LALIT MOHAN SUKLABAIIDYA (KARIMGANJ): I hereby draw the attention of the House to the sufferings of people of Barak Valley due to lack of a proper transport system connecting them with the rest of India. One can imagine the desperation and helplessness of the people in case of emergency. The reason is the deplorable road conditions.

In this modern age, it takes 14 hours to cover a distance of 320 KMs by road from Silchar to Guwahati and 20 hours by metre gauge train, which is being made broad gauge since last 14 years.

In order to give relief to the people of Barak Valley, I urge upon the Central Government to kindly introduce Airbus service from Silchar to Guwahati and increase the frequency of Airbus service from Silchar to Kolkata for accommodating more passengers and most importantly considering people's severe suffering, airfares on these sectors be subsidized till completion of broad gauge conversion from Silchar to Guwahati so that common people could avail the service.