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Title: Need to permit night landing of civil aircrafts at Silchar Airport, Assam.

\*SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA (SILCHAR): I want to bring to the notice of this august House a very important matter regarding night operation of civil flights at Silchar Airport in the State of Assam for immediate redressal.

The Airport Authority of India has completed installation of all ground lighting facilities and all such lighting facilities are in use after completion of installation in May-June 2008 in Silchar Airport, Assam. Indian Air Force is using all these ground facilities during night for operation of their aircrafts. The ground lighting system at Silchar airport includes : Runway Lights, Taxiing Lights, Apron Lights and Approach Lighting Systems for both the runways. Instrument Landing System has been provided at Silchar Airport which was commissioned in the mid 2010 that helps aircrafts to land in poor visibility and bad weather. Moreover, the Runway length has been extended by AAI to 2285 mts. (7500 ft.)

At Silchar Airport, IAF being the Aerodrome operator and Air Traffic Services/Airport Safety Services provider, is responsible to permit night operations to civil flights.

The Airport Authority of India, Silchar took up the matter with the Air Force Authority to allow night landing of civil flights. But, the matter is still pending with the Air Force Authority causing extreme difficulties to the passengers flying in this route.

I demand that the night landing of civil flights be started immediately at the Silchar Airport.