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Title: Need to restore flights operated by Air India and Jet Airways between Delhi and Leh.

SHRI THUPSTAN CHHEWANG (LADAKH): I would like to draw the attention of Hon'ble Minister for Civil Aviation and Government of India to the grave situation arising out of curtailment of air services by Air India on Delhi-Leh sector and decision of Jet Airways to withdraw air services on Leh sector for three months. As we all know that the roads leading to Ladakh region remain cut off for about 6 months due to heavy snow fall and closure of passes. The people of Ladakh travelling between Leh and Delhi and other destinations in the country are left with no option but to travel by air. The decision by Air India to curtail flight and the Jet Airways to withdraw their services is most unfortunate and the people of Ladakh has every reason to feel betrayed due to the unfortunate decisions by the two airlines. Hence, we strongly urge upon the Government of India and the Ministry of Civil Aviation to intervene in the matter and issue necessary instructions to the Air India Limited and the Jet Airways to review their decisions. I also request the Hon'ble Minister of Civil Aviation to impress upon other private airlines to operate on this sector. Further, I also request Hon'ble Minister of Civil Aviation to operate one cargo flight every week during the winter months to help air lifting of perishable items and other essential commodities from Delhi to Ladakh to meet the requirements of the people during winter season.