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Title: Need to take adequate steps to strengthen the safety and security of people in Civil Aviation sector.

SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA (BALASORE): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I am thankful to you for giving me this opportunity to raise an issue, which is of serious importance. It is with regard to safety and security of passengers in the civil aviation.

Almost 170 million people travel in India in the civil aviation sector. But it is unfortunate that 55 near miss situations were reported by several independent agencies. To add to this worry, one very serious incident was reported in Bhubaneswar Airport of Odisha. Bhubaneswar Airport is the only airport in the whole State of Odisha wherein a big size animal, whose size can be compared to that of a lion or a tiger – those who have seen in the television channel can comprehend this – was detected from within the airport itself.

Now, the basic question is, how could such a big animal enter the airport which is a restricted zone? What would have happened if the animal had rushed to the active runway when the aircraft is taking off or landing? Is it not putting a serious question on the issue of safety and security of airport and air travel? I would sincerely urge upon the Government and the hon. Minister of Civil Aviation to take adequate steps to strengthen the safety and security of civil aviation and restore the trust and faith of the people of the country in the civil aviation.