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Title: Need to provide more air services from Tezpur, Assam to New Delhi via Kolkata.

SHRI RAM PRASAD SARMAH (TEZPUR): Hon. Speaker Madam, I want to bring to the notice of the hon. Minister for Civil Aviation that the public is demanding for upgradation of Tezpur airport and also for daily flight from Delhi to Kolkata and Tezpur. It is because Tezpur is located near Arunachal Pradesh and in Arunachal Pradesh, there is Tawang which is the Switzerland of the East. Tezpur is the cultural capital of Assam. Dr. Bhupen Hazarika, Phani Sharma, Bishnu Prasad Rabha and Jyoti Prasad Agarwal were born there. Being a cultural capital, it is a tourist spot and it is also nearer to Kaziranga National Park, Orang National Park, Nameri National Park and other important tourist places. I have already submitted one memorandum to the hon. Prime Minister and two memorandums to the hon. Minister for Civil Aviation. My demand is that for the sake of public convenience and for upgrading and boosting tourism in northeast region and to engage thousands of unemployed youth in tourism sector, there should be regular flight from Delhi to Kolkata and Tezpur. It should be started immediately so that we can avail the service.

HON. SPEAKER:

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Shri Rodmal Nagar and

Shri Kunwar Pushpendra Singh Chandel are permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri Ram Prasad Sarmah.