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Title: Need to name International Airport at S.A.S. Nagar Mohali in Punjab after Shaheed Bhagat Singh.

SHRI PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA (ANANDPUR SAHIB): I feel highly indebted to Government of India and express my gratitude for opening the International Airport at S. A. S. Nagar Mohali which falls in my constituency of Sri Anandpur Sahib. This airport has been built in partnership by the states of Punjab, Haryana and Union territory of Chandigarh. Unfortunately, an unsavory controversy has erupted with regard to the name of the airport. Punjab Government has suggested that airport be named after Shaheed-e-azam Bhagat Singh whereas Haryana has proposed the name of Dr. Mangal Sein, a known social and political activist. Chandigarh administration would like to name the airport 'Chandigarh airport' itself.

I would urge upon the Government of India to name the airport 'Shaheed Bhagat Singh Airport' only considering the supreme sacrifice that he made to get Indian freedom from the British. Moreover Bhagat Singh is a great youth icon who has tremendous influence on the nation as a whole. Naming the airport after him will be a small tribute to the services he rendered for the cause of India's freedom.

