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THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA): Thank you, Balbir Singh ji. You have raised an important issue. The following hon. Members associated themselves with the Special Mention made by Shri Sant Balbir Singh: Shri Sanjeev Arora (Punjab), Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu (Tamil Nadu), Dr. Sasmit Patra (Odisha), Shri P. Wilson (Tamil Nadu), Dr. John Brittas (Kerala) and Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla (Tamil Nadu).

Shrimati Sulata Deo. Concern over cruelty against animals.

### **Concern over cruelty against animals**

SHRIMATI SULATA DEO (Odisha): Sir, I would like to bring to the notice of the House an important issue of cruelty against animals. Sir, animals cannot express their pain in human language, but they have souls and feel suffering just like us. It is our duty to understand their problems and protect them.

We need strict laws to check cruelty against animals and also to ensure that those who harm animals are held accountable. Proper measures and monitoring should be implemented to prevent abuse and neglect. Additionally, illegal slaughterhouses must be banned immediately to stop the inhumane treatment of animals. By taking these steps, we can create a society that respects and cares for all living beings. It is time to act and ensure that animals are treated with the compassion and dignity they deserve. I urge the Government to look into it. Thank you.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA): The following hon. Members associated themselves with the matter raised by hon. Member, Shrimati Sulata Deo: Dr. Sasmit Patra (Odisha), Shri Sandosh Kumar P (Kerala), Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu (Tamil Nadu), Shri P. Wilson (Tamil Nadu), Shrimati Jebi Mather Hisham (Kerala), Shri Muzibulla Khan (Odisha), Dr. John Brittas (Kerala), Shri Niranjan Bishi (Odisha) and Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla (Tamil Nadu).

Now, Mr. Sandosh Kumar P. He will speak about 'Need to Address the Problems Faced by Kannur International Airport'.

### **Need to address the problems faced by the Kannur International Airport**

SHRI SANDOSH KUMAR P (Kerala): Sir, the Kannur International Airport is facing a serious crisis due to huge financial loss and a lack of sufficient airlines to meet the

needs of the passengers. The Kannur Airport which started operations on December 9, 2018, handled one million passengers within the first ten months, operated 50 daily services and 65 international services per week and was among the top ten airports in India, used by most international passengers in August and September, 2021. Yet, recently, there has been a sharp decline in the number of passengers and operating airlines. To increase the revenue of the airport and make it profitable, more flight services were necessary. As of now, there are few direct airline services from the airport. There is not even a single direct flight that connects Kannur Airport with New Delhi. The airport serves 4 districts of Kerala - Kannur, Kasaragod, Wayanad and Kozhikode and caters to passengers from Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. The development of the airport would certainly contribute to the economic growth and industrial development of the region. If the airport gets 'Point of Call Status', many international airlines can start direct services from Kannur. This will be a huge relief to the airport and the needy passengers. The strategic location and state-of-the-art infrastructure offer enormous opportunities for the airport to act as a vital connectivity point. Enhanced connectivity would reflect in the growth of tourism and related industries also. Therefore, I request the concerned Minister to address these issues and save the airport from an existential crisis. Thank you.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA): The following hon. Members associated themselves with the matter raised by hon. Member, Shri Sandosh Kumar P: Dr. John Brittas (Kerala), Dr. V. Sivadasan (Kerala), Shri P. Wilson (Tamil Nadu), Shri Niranjan Bishi (Odisha), Dr. Sasmit Patra (Odisha), Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu (Tamil Nadu), Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla (Tamil Nadu), Shrimati Jebi Mather Hisham (Kerala) and Shri Haris Beeran (Kerala).

**Demand for infrastructure development, regular staffing and digitisation of post offices in Odisha**

**श्री मुजीबुल्ला खान (ओडिशा):** मैं ओडिशा में, विशेष रूप से ग्रामीण पंचायतों में डाकघरों के बुनियादी ढांचे के विकास, नियमित स्टाफिंग और डिजिटलीकरण की तत्काल आवश्यकता को संबोधित करने के लिए आपका ध्यान आकर्षित करना चाहता हूँ। कई डाकघर वर्तमान में अपर्याप्त सुविधाओं के साथ काम कर रहे हैं। अक्सर कर्मचारियों की कमी और पुरानी प्रणाली के कारण सेवा वितरण प्रभावित हो रहा है। बुनियादी ढांचे को उन्नत करने, लगातार स्टाफिंग सुनिश्चित करने और डाक सेवाओं की दक्षता और पहुँच में सुधार के लिए आधुनिक डिजिटल प्रणालियों को लागू करने के लिए तत्काल कार्रवाई की आवश्यकता है। इसके अतिरिक्त, डाकघर के संचालन को बढ़ाने से स्पीड पोस्ट, रजिस्ट्री, मनीऑर्डर, टिकट बिक्री, राजस्व टिकट, सरकारी वित्तीय