

maternal mental healthcare and ensure that new mothers receive the holistic care they deserve, fostering healthier families.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The following hon. Members associated themselves with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member, Shri Tiruchi Siva: Dr. Fauzia Khan (Maharashtra), Shri R. Girirajan (Tamil Nadu), Dr. Sasmit Patra (Odisha), Shri P.P. Suneer (Kerala), Shri Haris Beeran (Kerala), Dr. John Brittas (Kerala), Shrimati Jebi Mather Hisham (Kerala), Shrimati Mahua Maji (Jharkhand) and Dr. V. Sivadasan (Kerala).

Demand to expedite construction and upgradation of new Airport infrastructure at Shimla

SHRI HARSH MAHAJAN (Himachal Pradesh): Sir, I rise today to draw the attention of this august House to the critical need for the expedited construction and upgradation of the new airport infrastructure in Shimla, including the provision of more parking space for plane. But the current airport infrastructure is inadequate to meet the growing demands of tourism and other sectors. Due to the shortage of runways, only a limited number of fixed-wing planes can land, restricting the number of flights. It is my suggestion that at least 4 to 5 planes may be increased by inviting airlines with suitable planes to operate in the region. Additionally, the height of the airport restricts the passenger-carrying capacity of the planes to 36 seats, and on the return journey, it is reduced to just 25 seats. This greatly hampers tourism, commuters, and Government operations. The infrastructure is in poor condition, with acute parking shortages and other deficiencies. Hence, through you, I earnestly request the hon. Civil Aviation Minister to expedite the construction and upgrading of the airport building, including the addition of more parking space for planes and an increase in the number of planes. This will not only boost tourism but also significantly contribute to the overall economic development of the State.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The following hon. Members associated themselves with the Special Mention made by Shri Harsh Mahajan: Dr. Fauzia Khan (Maharashtra), Dr. V. Sivadasan (Kerala) and Dr. Sasmit Patra (Odisha).