

Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla (Tamil Nadu), Dr. V. Sivadasan (Kerala), and Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu (Tamil Nadu).

Now Shri Subhasish Khuntia. Next is Prof. Ram Gopal Yadav. Shri Subhasish Khuntia; demand to build an international airport in Puri, Odisha. ...(*Interruptions*)... I will accommodate everyone. If anyone rises, the accommodation will not take place.

Demand to build an International Airport in Puri, Odisha

SHRI SUBHASISH KHUNTIA (Odisha): Sir, I thank you for giving me the opportunity to draw the Government's attention to the urgent need for an early operation of the proposed international airport in Puri. Under the visionary leadership of the former Chief Minister, Shri Naveen Patnaik, the Odisha Government submitted a detailed project report for the Puri international airport featuring world class facilities to the Ministry of Civil Aviation in July, 2023. The airport's location was strategically selected due to Puri's historical and spiritual significance, particularly, as the home of the sacred Jagannath Temple and its numerous tourist attractions. This proposed international airport aims to cater to the rapidly increasing number of tourists and pilgrims visiting Puri, which is globally renowned for its cultural and religious heritage. Additionally, its proximity to the beach, further enhances its potential to attract international and domestic visitors. The necessity of the airport was highlighted in 2021, when the hon. Chief Minister, Shri Naveen Patnaik requested the hon. Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi to establish an international airport in Puri. While the Odisha Government has completed formalities including land acquisition and construction of boundary wall, no further progress has been made to advance the project towards operationalization. On operationalization, the Jagannath Puri international airport will not only address the growing travel demands of pilgrims and tourists, but will also provide direct air connectivity to Puri, facilitating the exploration of its renowned attraction such as Jagannath Temple, Puri beach and nearby historic sites, like the Sun Temple at Konark.

In the light of this consideration, I respectfully urge the hon. Minister of Civil Aviation to take necessary steps to expedite the completion and operationalization of the Puri International Airport for the greater benefit of tourists, pilgrims and the region's overall development. *Jay Jagannath Bande Utkal Janani.*

MR. CHAIRMAN: The following hon. Members associated themselves with the matter raised by the hon. Member, Shri Subhasish Khuntia: Dr. Sasmit Patra (Odisha), Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu (Tamil Nadu), Shri Saket Gokhale, (West Bengal),

Dr. V. Sivadasan (Kerala), Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla (Tamil Nadu), Shrimati Mahua Maji (Jharkhand), Shri Sandosh Kumar P (Kerala), Shri Niranjan Bishi (Odisha), Shri R. Girirajan (Tamil Nadu), Shrimati Priyanka Chaturvedi (Maharashtra), Shrimati Sulata Deo (Odisha), Dr. John Brittas (Kerala), Shri A. A. Rahim (Kerala), Shri Manas Ranjan Mangaraj (Odisha), Shri Debashish Samantaray (Odisha), and Shri Muzibulla Khan (Odisha).

MR. CHAIRMAN: Prof. Ram Gopal Yadav.

Recent violence and law and order situation in Sambhal, Uttar Pradesh

प्रो. राम गोपाल यादव (उत्तर प्रदेश) : श्रीमन्, 19 नवम्बर को एक वकील साहब ने सम्मल में, जहाँ एक 500 साल पुरानी मस्जिद है, उसका सर्वे करने के लिए मुंसिफ मजिस्ट्रेट के यहाँ एक ऐप्लिकेशन दी। उसका सर्वे दो घंटे के अंदर शांतिमय तरीके से हो गया। 24 तारीख को सुबह 6 बजे पूरे सम्मल को पुलिस छावनी बना दिया गया। वहाँ लोगों को पता ही नहीं था कि यहाँ पुलिस कर्यों लगाई जा रही है। थोड़ी देर बाद वहाँ के डीएम, एसएसपी, वकील, जिन्होंने वह ऐप्लिकेशन दी थी और कुछ लोग ढोल-नगाड़े बजाते हुए पुलिस के साथ गए और मस्जिद में प्रवेश कर गए। भीड़ को संदेह हुआ कि वे मस्जिद में तोड़-फोड़ या और कुछ करने जा रहे हैं। वहाँ जो पानी का टैंक था, उसको एसडीएम ने खोल दिया। जब वह पानी बहकर बाहर आया तो लोगों को संदेह हुआ कि इसमें कुछ गड़बड़ी हो रही है। उसके बाद वहाँ अशांति हुई, पुलिस ने गोली चलाई, पाँच लोग मारे गए और बीसों लोग घायल हुए। फिर, सैंकड़ों लोगों के खिलाफ मुकदमे कायम हुए, बहुत सारे लोग जेलों में बंद हैं और जिनको पकड़ लिया गया, उनको बुरी तरह से मारा गया।*

MR. CHAIRMAN: Ram Gopalji, this will not go on record. ...*(Interruptions)*... राम गोपाल जी, मैं आपसे आशा करता हूँ कि आप संयम बरतेंगे। ...*(व्यवधान)*... You have made your point. ...*(Interruptions)*...

प्रो. राम गोपाल यादव : सुनिए, ...*(व्यवधान)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: The following hon. Members associated themselves with the matter raised by the hon. Member Prof. Ram Gopal Yadav: Shri Saket Gokhale (West Bengal), Dr. Sasmit Patra (Odisha), Shri Niranjan Bishi (Odisha), Shri Sandosh Kumar P (Kerala), Shri Manoj Kumar Jha (Bihar), Dr. Fauzia Khan (Maharashtra), Shri Haris Beeran (Kerala), Shrimati Sagarika Ghose (West Bengal), Dr. John Brittas (Kerala), and Shri A. A. Rahim (Kerala).

* Not recorded.