

यह उड़ान स्कीम एविएशन सेक्टर में बहुत ही सक्सेसफुल रही है। हमारे मिथिला में विद्यापति एक बहुत बड़े कवि हुए। जब 2018 में उसका शिलान्यास हो रहा था, उस समय तत्कालीन नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री दरभंगा गए थे और हमारे मुख्य मंत्री, श्री नीतीश कुमार जी भी थे। वहाँ पर तय हुआ कि उन्हीं के नाम पर यह एयरपोर्ट होना चाहिए। आदरणीय उपसभाध्यक्ष महोदय, विद्यापति मैथिली, संस्कृत जैसी भाषाओं के प्रसिद्ध कवि और साहित्यकार थे, जिनका योगदान भारतीय साहित्य और भक्ति परंपरा में अत्यधिक महत्वपूर्ण रहा है। उनकी स्थायी धरोहर है और मिथिला क्षेत्रवासियों के दिलों में उनका अमिट स्थान है। इस संदर्भ में, बिहार के मुख्य मंत्री, श्री नीतीश कुमार जी 22 दिसंबर, 2020 को तत्कालीन नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्री को पत्र लिखकर दरभंगा हवाई अड्डे का नाम कवि कोकिल विद्यापति हवाई अड्डा रखने की अपील की थी। इस संबंध में बिहार विधान सभा और विधान परिषद ने भी मार्च, 2021 में एक प्रस्ताव पारित किया, जिसमें दरभंगा हवाई अड्डे का नाम कवि कोकिल विद्यापति हवाई अड्डा रखने की सिफारिश की गई थी।

मैं आपके माध्यम से सरकार से अनुरोध करता हूँ कि इस प्रस्ताव को शीघ्र अनुमोदित करके कवि कोकिल विद्यापति जी की स्थायी धरोहर को सम्मानित करते हुए, इस दरभंगा एयरपोर्ट का नाम विद्यापति जी के नाम पर किया जाए।

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI GHANSHYAM TIWARI): The following hon. Members associated themselves with the issue raised by the hon. Member, Shri Sanjay Kumar Jha: Dr. Sasmit Patra (Odisha), Shrimati Dharmshila Gupta (Bihar), Dr. John Brittas (Kerala), Shri Prakash Chik Baraik (West Bengal) and Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla (Tamil Nadu).

धन्यवाद, झा साहब। डा. सैयद नासिर हुसैन -Demand to establish a National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro-Sciences (NIMHANS) Branch at Bellary, Karnataka.

**Demand to establish a National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro-Sciences
(NIMHANS) branch in Bellary, Karnataka**

DR. SYED NASEER HUSSAIN (Karnataka): Thank you, Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, for giving me the opportunity. I rise to draw attention to the critical issue of mental healthcare in Karnataka, particularly, the shortcomings of the existing National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro-Sciences, that is, NIMHANS, in Bangalore, and the pressing need for a new branch in Bellary. The NIMHANS, Bellary, despite being one of the India's premier mental health institutions is severely over-burdened. The facility handles a disproportionately high volume of patients like about 12 lakhs annually. With a doctor-patient ratio of 1 : 1,456, well above the WHO recommended of 1 : 1,000, the strain is particularly felt in the mental health sector where rural areas contribute significantly to the increasing demand for services. Due to limited specialised human resources and insufficient infrastructure, NIMHANS is struggling to

meet the growing mental health needs of Karnataka and also the neighbouring States including Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. This is according to a report from the New Indian Express. Sir, Bellary offers a strategic solution for addressing the mental health crisis in North Karnataka especially, unlike more distant districts which are 600 plus kilometers from Bangalore, Bellary is centrally located making it more accessible for patients from Northern districts like Koppal, Raichur, Gadag, Yadagiri, Gulbarga and Hubli. Additionally, Bellary's proximity to Karnataka's mining sectors, which face highest socio-economic stress and mental health challenges, underscores the importance of establishing specialized mental healthcare in this region. The city also holds promise for addressing unique challenges such as mining-related psychological disorders which has oftenly led to many suicides in this area. Sir, Bellary's location also offers strategic connectivity to neighbouring States positioned near Hyderabad-Bangalore economic corridor. Bellary can serve as a vital hub for patients and researchers from regions like Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and even Maharashtra. This inter-State accessibility is crucial for providing mental health services to under-served areas reducing the burden on Bangalore's NIMHANS and ensuring broader regional reach. Availability of Government land and strong transport connectivity makes it an ideal location. Sir, given these considerations, I urge the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to prioritize the establishment of a NIMHANS branch in Bellary, a step that will improve mental healthcare access for millions across Karnataka and neighbouring States. I had even met the Health Minister personally and requested him. I hope the Ministry will consider this. Thank you, Sir.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI GHANSHYAM TIWARI): The following hon. Members associated themselves with the issue raised by the hon. Member, Dr. Syed Naseer Hussain: Shrimati Mahua Maji (Jharkhand), Shri Sanjeev Arora (Punjab), Shri A.A. Rahim (Kerala), Dr. V. Sivadasan (Kerala), Dr. John Brittas (Kerala), Shri Imran Pratapgarhi (Maharashtra), Dr. Sasmit Patra (Odisha), Shrimati Jebi Mather Hisham (Kerala), Shri Anil Kumar Yadav Mandadi (Telangana), Shri P.P. Suneer (Kerala), Shri Haris Beeran (Kerala) and Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla (Tamil Nadu).

Thank you, Naseer Sahib. Now, Shri Dorjee Tshering Lepcha - Demand to extend the Sevok-Rangpo Railway project to Nathu La Pass.

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SHRI DORJEE TSHERING LEPCHA (Sikkim): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, my issue is: Demand for extension of railway network from Rangpo to Nathu La, Indo-Tibetan border. Sevok-Rangpo railway line is a line currently under construction to connect