

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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EXPANSION OF GANNAVARAM AIRPORT
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of Gannavaram airport near Vijayawada;
- (b) the number and type of planes that landed here since January 2003;
- (c) the funds allocated for the development of the Airport during 2003-2004; and
- (d) the details of development works proposed to be undertaken during the current financial year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a): The airport at Gannavaram near Vijayawada belongs to Airports Authority of India (AAI) and is an operational airport.

(b): A total of 77 arrivals and 77 departures have been operated at Vijayawada airport since January, 2003 to July, 2003 using C-152, M-18, AN-32, B-200, B-190, C-90A, B-190, C-560, P-68C, BH-212, DO-81, MI-26, C-421B, M-18, Bell-407, BU-212, MI-8, BE-190D, HS-25, C-421 and C-90 type of aircraft.

(c) & (d): An amount of Rs. 40.00 lakhs was allocated for development of Vijayawada airport at the time of formulation of Budget proposals for 2003-04. However, no development schemes are proposed to be undertaken at this airport during 2003-04 due to non-availability of traffic especially scheduled flights.