

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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VISHAKHAPATNAM AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Vishakhapatnam Airport remained closed for a period of two weeks due to damage caused by the cyclonic rains;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has sent any team of expert to study the extent of damage;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to repair the Airport?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

- (a) Operations at Vishakhapatnam airport remained suspended from 15th to 27th October 2005 due to rain / flooding.
- (b) A Committee was constituted by Airports Authority of India (AAI) to assess the damage caused to its assets.
- (c) Extensive damage was caused to X-ray baggage machine, conveyor belts, check-in counters, computers, furnitures, floors, walls and other electrical equipments in the terminal building. It has also damaged the existing bandh as well as boundary wall under construction.
- (d) By taking effective steps, AAI put the airport into operation from 28th October, 2005.