

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has decided for the closure of airport at Begumpet in Andhra Pradesh; and
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) & (b): The existing airport at Begumpet will be closed for civil operation on commissioning of the new airport. This decision has been taken by the Government on the basis of the recommendation of the Task Force on Infrastructure headed by the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission. The existing airport has limitations for expansion because of natural and manmade obstructions like a hill, railway over bridge, factory chimney, building, obstruction in the approach path.