

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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RENAMING OF AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of airports in the country proposed to be renamed;
- (b) whether the proposal for renaming of some airports is pending with the Union Government;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (d) the reasons for the pendency?

Answer

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

(a), (b), (c) & (d) :- Proposals are received from time to time for renaming of various airports in the country. Proposals for renaming of airports at Jodhpur in Rajasthan as Maharaja Umaid Singh Airport, Gaya in Bihar as Gautam Buddha International Airport and Umroi (Shillong) in Meghalaya have been sent for views of the concerned State Governments, which are awaited. Proposals for renaming of airports at Khajuraho in Madhya Pradesh as Maharaja Chhatrasal Airport, Dehradun in Uttaranchal as Veer Chand Garhwali Airport, Bhuj in Gujarat as Krantiveer Pandit Shyamji Krishna Verma Airport, Tura in Meghalaya as Captain W.A. Sangma Airport and Raipur's Mana airport in Chhattisgarh as Swami Vivekananda Airport have also been received. On the proposal for renaming of Lengpui airport in Mizoram as B.B. Lyngdoh Airport, no action has been taken as this airport belongs to the State Government of Mizoram. A proposal for renaming Coimbatore Airport as Rajiv Gandhi Airport in Tamil Nadu is also under examination.