

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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MODERNISATION OF BEGUMPET (HYDERABAD) AIRPORT

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to modernize airport at Begumpet, Hyderabad and construct one more aerobridge thereon;
- (b) if so, the approximate cost involved therein;
- (c) whether Begumpet airport is proposed to be handed over to IAF;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether hand over of Begumpet airport to IAF will affect civil flights;
- (f) if so, the details thereof along with the representation received from the Andhra Pradesh Government and action taken thereon;
- (g) whether the Government propose to set-up a new International Airport in Andhra Pradesh;
- (h) if so, the details thereof, location-wise; and
- (i) the funds allocated/released and the time by which the project is likely to be commissioned?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Airports Authority of India (AAI) has modernization plans for Terminal Buildings including provision of escalator, additional aerobridge etc. for Begumpet Airport, Hyderabad, which are in the planning stage.

(c) No, Sir. However, the existing airport at Begumpet, Hyderabad will be closed for civilian operation after the new International Airport at Shamshabad becomes operational.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

(f) A representation has been received in this regard.

(g) and (h) Yes, Sir. Government has accorded `in principle` approval to the proposal of State Government of Andhra Pradesh for construction of a Greenfield airport of international standards at Shamshabad near Hyderabad located at an aerial distance of 26 kms south - south west of the existing airport at Begumpet.

(i) The new airport is promoted on joint venture basis by the Government of Andhra Pradesh, with the help of Airports Authority of India (AAI). A consortium led by M/s GMR Infrastructure Ltd. with Malaysian Airport Holding Berhard (MAHB) has been selected as the Developer for the airport. Government of Andhra Pradesh and AAI together hold 26% equity and the strategic joint venture partners hold the balance 74%. The approximate cost of the project is Rs.1300 crores. The project is expected to be completed in 36 months from the date of the financial closure.