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Title: Need to depute a technical team of AAI to finalise the location of proposed Eight Greenfield Airports in Andhra Pradesh.

SHRIMATI JHANSI LAKSHMI BOTCHA (BOBBILI): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I would like to raise the following matter of urgent public importance.

The new International airport at Shamshabad is going to be operational from 16th March, 2008 and will make Hyderabad an important aviation hub in South Asia. Hyderabad is well connected to important destinations in India and abroad. Therefore, there is a need to develop feeder channels within Andhra Pradesh. In order to improve the connectivity of the major growth centres within the State, development of Regional Airports on a hub and spoke model through Public Private Partnership is envisaged.[\[r82\]](#)

The Government of Andhra Pradesh is keen for development of eight regional airports at strategic locations in the State, namely, Nellore, Ongole, Ramagundam, Kothagudem, Kurnool, Tadepalligudem, Nizamabad and Bobbili. The concerned district administration has identified about 500 to 2,000 acres of government land for setting up of Greenfield airports.

Therefore, I humbly request the Ministry of Civil Aviation, through this House, to depute a technical team of AAI to the State of Andhra Pradesh, at the earliest, to finalize the details of location and alignment for the proposed eight regional Greenfield airports. Thank you.