

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
RAJYA SABHA  
QUESTION NO 02.03.2010  
ANSWERED ON**

**DEVELOPMENT OF AIRPORTS IN SMALL TOWNS .**

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Will the Minister of COAL HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether the Airports Authority of India (AAI) has taken steps to improve airports in smaller towns like Rajahmundry, Vijayawada and Coimbatore;
- (b) whether it is a fact that AAI has not provided basic amenities for the waiting public and passengers;
- (c) whether AAI has recently received representations on the need to improve smaller airports;
- (d) if so, the details of such representations; and
- (e) the immediate steps being taken to effect improvements and access and enhanced coordination with local authorities?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

( SHRI PRAFUL PATEL )

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Required basic amenities such as Restaurant, Snack Bar, Car Park, Toilets etc. have been provided at airports for the waiting public and passengers.

(c), (d) & (e): Representations and requests for improvement of smaller airports, as and when received, are taken into consideration by AAI for development of smaller airports, and accordingly AAI had undertaken feasibility study through M/s RITES. As per the recommendation of the feasibility study, upgradation and operationalisation of 13 existing smaller airports, has been planned by AAI with the involvement and cooperation of State Governments, which is expected to provide required additional land and other concessions /facilities, wherever required. Out of 13 airports, AAI has already undertaken development of Cuddappah and Mysore airports, after entering into an Memorandum of Standing (MoU), with the respective State Governments.