GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION **RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 185** (TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 1st December 2015)

PLAN TO HANDOVER OF BEGUMPET AIRPORT TO IAF

185. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is planning to handover Begumpet airport in Hyderabad to the Ministry of Defence;

(b) if so, the reasons for handing it over to Indian Air Force (IAF);

(c) whether any permission has been taken from the State Government;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether any consultation have been held with Defence Ministry in this regard; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Dr Mahesh Sharma)

(a): No, Sir.

(b) to (d): Do not arise.

(e) & (f): Yes, Sir. A proposal from Ministry of Defence was received in August, 2014 to handover the Begumpet Airport in Hyderabad, which belongs to Airports Authority of India (AAI) to Indian Air Force (IAF) for utilization for training purposes, however, IAF has decided against pursuing it further and hence, the matter has been dropped.
