

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 1794
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 1st August 2017)

INTERNATIONAL STATUS TO VIJAYAWADA AIRPORT

1794. SHRI C.M. RAMESH

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Vijayawada airport in Andhra Pradesh has been granted 'International airport' status by the Union Cabinet recently;
- (b) if so, the facilities that are attached to this tag and the details of plan of action for providing such facilities at Vijayawada airport;
- (c) whether sufficient land is available; and
- (d) by when International terminal is going to be completed and since when hub-and-spoke facility is going to be started?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a): Yes, Sir. In compliance with the provisions of Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014, Vijayawada Airport has been declared as International Airport w.e.f. 01.08.2017 vide Gazette notification S.O.1938(E) dated 20.06.2017 with the approval of Union Cabinet..

(b): As per the standards prescribed by International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), the statutory facilities for Customs, Immigration, Public Health and Agricultural Quarantine are necessary for international airports. Besides, other infrastructural facilities such as availability of Ground Lighting Facilities, Instrument Landing System for operation of aircrafts at night, adequate runway length to cater to medium capacity long-range aircraft or equivalent type of aircraft, etc. are also required. For provision of statutory facilities such as Customs, Immigration, Plant and Animal Quarantine at Vijayawada Airport, the respective Departments/Ministries have been liaised with and they have conveyed acceptance for positioning of necessary manpower and equipments at the airport. Further, Airports Authority of India (AAI) has also commenced renovation of the old terminal building for immediate limited international operations and has made available necessary equipments for ground lighting and

instrument landing at the airport. A new Interim terminal building suitable to handle 500 peak hour passengers has already been commissioned on 03.02.2017 to shift the domestic operations.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): AAI has already floated tenders for appointment of Project Management Consultant for construction of Integrated Terminal Building at Vijayawada Airport. Besides, in order to meet immediate limited international operations, the work for renovation and modification of old terminal building has already been commenced at the airport.
