

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 3532  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018)

**CHANGE OF NAME OF MOHALI AIRPORT**

3532. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Chandigarh International Airport in Mohali is still not named after Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the both Punjab and Haryana Governments have agreed to name the airport after the great revolutionary;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) by when the airport will operate as Bhagat Singh International Airport?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

- (a): Yer, Sir. Chandigarh International Airport has not been named after Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh till date.
- (b) to (e): Government of Punjab has requested this Ministry to name Civil Air terminal Complex at Chandigarh Airport as "Shaheed-E-Azam Sardar Bhagat Singh International Airport, Mohali" while Government of Haryana has requested to name the terminal as "Shaheed Bhagat Singh International Airport, Chandigarh". Since both the State Governments of Punjab and Haryana are unanimous in the opinion that the terminal be named after "Shaheed Bhagat Singh" and 'Chandigarh' is the common Capital of both the States & the airport also bears the name of 'Chandigarh', this Ministry requested both the State Governments to agree to name the airport as "Shaheed Bhagat Singh Airport, Chandigarh" and also send a resolution of their respective Legislative Assemblies supporting above proposal. While, Government of Haryana has passed a resolution to name the Chandigarh Airport as "Shaheed Bhagat Singh International Airport, Chandigarh", Government of Punjab has reiterated its earlier stand.
- To resolve issues related to naming/renaming of airports/terminals in the country, this Ministry has formulated draft Policy Guidelines which inter-alia propose to keep the name of airport after the name of the main city it serves. As decision on renaming of Chandigarh Airport depends upon the finalization of the policy which involves consultation at various levels, the exact time to rename Chandigarh Airport cannot be ascertained at this stage.