

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 1601
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 13th December 2021)**

SABARIMALA AIRPORT

1601. SHRI JOHN BRITTAS

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Kerala has proposed a dedicated airport mainly to cater to the Sabarimala pilgrims;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the stand of Government thereto?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

(a) to (c) Government of India has received a proposal from M/s. Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation (KSIDC) for grant of 'site clearance' for setting up of Greenfield Airport at Kottayam near Sabarimala. The proposal was examined in Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) in consultation with Ministry of Defence, Airports Authority of India (AAI) and Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). Subsequently, KSIDC had submitted a Techno Economic Feasibility Study (TEFS) to MoCA. Based on the observations of AAI and DGCA, KSIDC has been requested to furnish updated/final TEFS report.
