

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 812
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11th December 2023)

GREENFIELD AIRPORT AT PARANDUR, TAMIL NADU

812. SHRI R. GIRIRAJAN

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

- a) whether the Ministry of Defence in their letter dated 11th April, 2023 has advised to reconsider the proposed Greenfield Airport at Parandur due to its close proximity with IAF Tambaram and Indian Navy Arakkonam which may impose restrictions on military operations and cause adverse aerospace safety implications to all users;
- b) if so, the details thereof and the stand of Government on this; and
- c) whether Government has informed this to the other stakeholder, State Government of Tamil Nadu and TIDCO, if so, the details thereof when was it communicated to TIDCO and the State Government of Tamil Nadu?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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

(a): Ministry of Defence (MoD) vide its communication dated 11.04.2023 had advised to reconsider the proposed Greenfield Airport at Parandur due to close proximity of Tambaram (IAF), Arakkonam (IN) and Chennai International Airport which may impose restrictions on military operations and may lead to adverse aerospace safety implications to all users.

(b) & (c): The comments of MoD dated 11.04.2023 were conveyed to the Project Proponent- Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation Limited (TIDCO) on 21.04.2023 and also to AAI. Subsequently, comments of TIDCO and Airports Authority of India (AAI) were sent to MoD for their consideration.

MoD vide its OM dated 25.10.2023 has granted No Objection for grant of Site clearance for setting up of a Greenfield Airport at Parandur, Tamil Nadu, subject to stipulated conditions therein. The same has also been sent to TIDCO on 08.11.2023 for information and compliance.
