

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 833
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 28th July 2025)**

**RENAMING OF GAYA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AS GAUTAM
BUDDHA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Gaya International Airport in the State of Bihar is located in Bodh Gaya, the place of enlightenment of Mahatma Buddha and a global Buddhist pilgrimage site;
- (b) whether Government is cognizant of the fact that the name Gaya International airport does not appropriately reflect the historical and cultural identity of Bodh Gaya and thereby undermines its global identity; and
- (c) whether Government is considering to rename it as Gautam Buddha International airport, if so, the initiatives taken in this direction so far and by when this process is likely to be completed?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (c): Gaya Airport, located in the State of Bihar, is a Customs Notified Airport owned and operated by the Airports Authority of India (AAI).

In general, the Airports are known by the name of city where they are located, unless another specific name is proposed by the respective State Government supported by a Resolution passed in the State Legislative Assembly, which is then considered in consultation with other Ministries/ Departments and then sent to the Union Cabinet for final approval. No such proposal to name Gaya Airport after 'Gautam Buddha' has been received from the State Government of Bihar .
