

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1281
(To be answered on the 9th February 2017)**

COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS AT BEGUMPET AIRPORT

1281. SHRI A.P. JITHENDER REDDY

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Ministry has received any representation/proposal from the State Government of Telangana for resuming commercial operations at the Begumpet airport;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Airports Authority of India has incurred any losses for the non-utilisation of the airport infrastructure, given the restrictions on the use of land for commercial operations; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

तागर विमानल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

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- (a): No Madam.
 - (b): Does not arise in view of (a) above.
 - (c): The functions and powers of Airports Authority of India to undertake various activities at its airports are governed under the provisions of AAI Act, 1994. As per the provisions of the Act, AAI is permitted to create any facility at airports including commercial developments which are intended primarily for the passengers of the airport. However, any facility that is not intended primarily for the passengers is not covered within the functions of AAI under the AAI Act. Since its inception, AAI has been performing its functions at airports within the limit of the legislation of the Parliament. Hence, the question of incurring losses on account of non-utilisation of the airport infrastructure for commercial purpose does not arise.
 - (d): Through the National Civil Aviation Policy, 2016, Government of India envisaged unlocking the potential of the commercial usage of the airport land by liberalizing the end-use restrictions for existing [excluding Public Private Partnership (PPP)] and future Greenfield and brownfield airports of AAI and future Greenfield and brownfield airport projects under PPP.