GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.: 795 (To be answered on the 20th July 2017)

FLIGHT BOARDING SERVICE FOR HAJ PILGRIMS

795. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Ministry has received any request regarding provision of direct flight boarding service to the Haj Pilgrims of Andhra Pradesh from Gannavaram Airport;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Ministry has taken any decision in this matter and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

- (a) and (b): Yes, Madam. A request had been received from Hon'ble Minister for I&PR, ITE &C, NRI Empowerment & Relations, Government of Andhra Pradesh for designating the Gannavaram Airport, Vijayawada as an Embarkation Point for Haj 2017.
- (c): Haj Committee of India has decided to maintain status quo in respect of number of embarkation points for Haj 2017 as for Haj 2016. Therefore, the request for designating Gannavaram airport as embarkation point for Haj 2017 could not be accepted.