

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2667  
(To be answered on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2022)**

**SABARIMALA AIRPORT PROJECT**

**2667. SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION  
नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) Whether the Government has received the techno-economic feasibility report from Kerala Government for the proposed Sabarimala airport project in Kerala;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the actions taken in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) Whether the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has raised any objection against the proposed airport project in Sabarimala and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (d) whether the Government proposes to approve the implementation of the project; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the timeline for completion of the airport project at Sabarimala?**

**ANSWER**

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

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

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**(a) to (e): In June, 2020, Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation (KSIDC), a Government of Kerala enterprise submitted an application under Greenfield Airports Policy to Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) for grant of 'Site Clearance' for development of Greenfield airport at Kottayam (Sabarimala) in Kerala. The proposal of KSIDC was circulated to stakeholders concerned including Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) for examination/comments as per Greenfield Airports Policy, 2008. Based on the observations of stakeholders, KSIDC was requested to submit a Techno-Economic Feasibility Study (TEFS) Report. The Final TEFS report was submitted by KSIDC in June, 2022 and the same was shared with Airports Authority of India (AAI) and DGCA.**

**Subsequently, KSIDC submitted the compliance/justification to the observations of AAI, DGCA & MoCA. Thereafter, the proposal was placed before the 32nd Steering Committee on 22.11.2022 for airports for consideration of grant of Site Clearance to KSIDC for development of Greenfield airport at Kottayam (Sabarimala), Kerala. Based on the deliberations of the Steering Committee meeting, certain more details were sought from KSIDC, which have been received from KSIDC on 12.12.2022.**

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