

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 4268
(To be answered on the 19th March 2020)**

AIRPORTS IN KUPPAM AND MADANAPALLE

4268. SHRI N. REDDEPPA

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Union Government plans to approve proposals received to construct and develop airports in Kuppam and Madanapalle in Chittoor district;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the present status of construction and operationalization of the Kuppam greenfield airstrip approved by the Union Government in 2018; and
- (d) the details of the funds allocated, released and utilized so far for the Kuppam airstrip, year and headwise?

ANSWER

Minister of State (IC) in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र पक्ष)

(Shri Hardeep Singh Puri)

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- (a) & (b): Presently, Government of India, Ministry of Civil Aviation has not received any proposal from the State Government for development of airports at Kuppam and Madanapalle in Chittoor district as per Greenfield Airport Policy. However, Government of Andhra Pradesh (GoAP) had earlier submitted proposal for development of greenfield airport at Kuppam in Chittoor district but subsequently withdrew the proposal.
- (c) & (d): State Government has an Administrative Airstrip at Kuppam but have not taken up its construction work. However, GoAP had allocated an amount of Rs. 20 crore towards land acquisition out of which Rs.16.34 crore has been released and utilized. In addition, an amount of Rs. 60.00 lakhs was also allocated by the State Government towards development works at Kuppam airstrip which was not utilized.
