GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. : 332 (To be answered on the 18th March 2021)

INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT RAJKOT

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

(a) the current status and the expenditure incurred on the ongoing construction and development work of International Airport at Rajkot; (b) whether any timeline has been fixed for completion and operation of the said airport and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the construction is going on as per the schedule and if so, the

details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government to overcome the delay in construction and development of the aforesaid airport?

ANSWER

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

नामर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)

(Shri Hardeep Singh Puri)

Answer: (a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in respect of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 332 regarding "International Airport at Rajkot" to be answered on 18.03.2021.

(a) to (c): Government of India granted 'in principle' approval to Government of Gujarat for setting up of a Greenfield Airport at Hirasar, District Rajkot, Gujarat in October, 2017. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between Government of Gujarat and Airports Authority of India (AAI) for the development of new Greenfield Airport at Hirasar, Rajkot. The airport development work has been divided into two phases at a total project cost of Rs. 1405 crore. The phase-I work consisting of detailed designing, engineering, procurement and construction of runway, basic strips, taxiways, parallel taxi track, apron, perimeter etc. has been awarded on 14.02.2020. The phase-II consists of construction of complete city side infrastructure i.e. Terminal Building, Fire Station, Technical Block cum ATC Tower, Car Parking, Sub Station, Approach Road and associated works for which tender has been invited. AAI has undertaken construction works under phase-I and an expenditure of Rs. 150 crore (approx.) has so far been incurred in this regard, achieving 24% physical progress.

The Probable Date of Completion (PDC) of Rajkot airport project is March, 2023. However, the timeline for construction of airport project depends upon many factors such as land acquisition, availability of mandatory clearances, financial closure by the individual operator, etc.

(d) Does not arise in view of above.