

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
Lok Sabha
STARRED QUESTION NO. : 254
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 8th August 2024)
NEW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN CHHATTISGARH

254. SHRI BRIJMOHAN AGRAWAL

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government proposes to construct a new international airport in Chhattisgarh and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government proposes to start international flights soon from Swami Vivekananda Airport; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which these are likely to be started and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

Minister of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) to (C) IN RESPECT OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 254 FOR REPLY ON 08.08.2024 REGARDING "NEW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN CHHATTISGARH" BY SHRI BRIJMOHAN AGRAWAL. ;

(a): Government of India (GoI) has formulated a Greenfield Airports (GFA) Policy, 2008 for development of new Greenfield airports in the country. As per the policy, if any airport developer including the State Government desires to develop an airport, they are required to identify a suitable site and get the Pre-feasibility Study conducted for construction of airport and submit a proposal to the Central Government for 'Site Clearance' followed by 'In-Principle' approval.; As of now, no proposal under GFA Policy has been received in Ministry of Civil Aviation for construction of a Greenfield Airport in Chhattisgarh either from State Government of Chhattisgarh or any other Airport Developer.;;

(b) & (c): Swami Vivekananda airport at Raipur is a domestic airport. Declaration of an airport as an International Airport depends upon traffic potential, demand from airlines for the operation of international flights, and bilateral Air Services Agreement besides provision of Ground Lighting facilities, Instrument Landing System, Runway length, Immigration, Health and Animal & Plant Quarantine services etc. Currently, no such proposal for declaration of Swami Vivekananda airport as an International Airport is under consideration in the Ministry of Civil Aviation.