

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO. : 280

(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 7th August 2025)

STANDARD FINANCIAL QUALIFICATION NORMS

280. SHRI CHAMALA KIRAN KUMAR REDDY

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether due process and standard financial qualification norms were followed while awarding airport operation contracts to private companies from 2019 till date and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether there was any deviation from the usual eligibility criteria, particularly relating to experience in airport operations and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reasons for relaxing such norms and the manner in which the same compares with the norms applied to public sector as well as other private operators such as Airports Authority of India (AAI), Fairfax, GMR and GVK?

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) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 280* FOR REPLY ON 07.08.2025 REGARDING "STANDARD FINANCIAL QUALIFICATION NORMS" ASKED BY SHRI CHAMALA KIRAN KUMAR REDDY;; ; (a) to (c): In 2018, Government of India constituted the Empowered Group of Secretaries (EGoS) under the Chairmanship of CEO, NITI Aayog, to take forward the bidding process of six airports of Airports Authority of India (AAI) namely Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Lucknow, Guwahati, Thiruvananthapuram and Mangaluru for their Operations, Management and Development under Public Private Partnership (PPP). EGoS finalized the contours of the bidding process which inter-alia included various provisions viz. no prior airport experience etc. These provisions ensured that there are more bidders ensuring more competition. As a result, AAI received a total of 32 bids from 10 entities for its PPP proposal of six airports and thereafter following due procedure, these six airports were leased to the highest bidder.; ; There was no deviation in the bidding process from the contours as was decided by EGoS.
