

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 850**

(To be answered on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2025)

**UPGRADATION OF TIER-II AIRPORTS**

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION **नागर विमानन मंत्री** be pleased to state:-

- (a) the national policy for the upgradation of Tier-II airports to international status along with the criteria set for the said proposal;
- (b) the number of airports in Andhra Pradesh that are currently operating international flights;
- (c) the current status of the Rajahmundry Airport expansion including the new terminal building, runway extension and land acquisition;
- (d) whether the Government has received any proposals to grant international or customs airport status to Rajahmundry in view of the presence of major PSUs such as ONGC and GAIL and a large diaspora in Gulf countries and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to start direct flights to the Middle East or Southeast Asia from Rajahmundry to boost the regional economy?

**ANSWER**

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(a): Declaration of an airport as an International airport depends upon traffic potential, demand from the State Government or airlines for the operation of international flights, and bilateral Air Services Agreements. Additionally, infrastructure requirements such as Ground Lighting facilities, Instrument Landing System, runway length, Immigration, Health and Animal & Plant Quarantine services etc. are also taken into consideration.

(b): Presently, international flights are operational at Vijayawada and Vishakhapatnam Airports in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

(c): For expansion of Rajahmundry Airport, the Airports Authority of India has undertaken the construction of a New Terminal Building with an additional area of 18,128 sqm. The airport runway has already been extended to 3165m x 45m by AAI in 2018.

(d) & (e): Rajahmundry Airport is a domestic airport of the Airports Authority of India. Currently, no such proposal for declaration of Rajahmundry Airport as an International Airport is under consideration in the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

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