

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1150
(To be answered on the 8th February 2024)**

AYODHYA AIRPORT

**1150. SHRI BHOLA SINGH
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
नागर विमानन मंत्री**

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has approved the proposal to declare Ayodhya Airport as an International Airport and named to it as "Maharishi Valmiki International Airport, Ayodhyadham";
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether it is a fact that elevating of Ayodhya Airport to international status is paramount for realizing economic potential of Ayodhya and its significance as a global pilgrimage site and open doors to foreign pilgrims and tourists;
(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
(e) the other infrastructure work carried out by the Government in Ayodhya during the last three years?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

(a) to (d): Keeping in view the economic potential of Ayodhya and its significance as a global pilgrimage site, the Government has approved the proposal for declaration of Ayodhya Airport in Uttar Pradesh as an International Airport and naming it as "Maharishi Valmiki International Airport, Ayodhyadham". It has been notified in the Gazette of India on 16.01.2024.

(e): Development of Ayodhya Airport including the construction of terminal building, pavement, grading and other associated works has been undertaken by Airports Authority of India (AAI) at a cost of Rs. 350 Crores (approx.).
