Title: Regarding development of new airports in Telangana

SHRI RAMASAHAYAM RAGHURAM REDDY (KHAMMAM): Presently, Telangana has only one functional airport? Rajiv Gandhi International Airport at Shamshabad on the outskirts of Hyderabad. The Telangana Government is actively pursuing the development of three new greenfield airports and the revival of three existing brownfield airports. The three new airports are proposed to be established at Bhadradri Kothagudem, Jakranpally in Nizamabad District and Mahabubnagar. Similarly, the existing airports in Warangal Urban District (Mamnoor village), Basanthnagar in Peddapally District, and Adilabad District are being revived.

Currently, the international airport at Shamshabad on the outskirts of Hyderabad is Telangana's primary civil aviation facility. Demands for some more airports have arisen due to the long distance of the State capital from the proposed districts. The Airports Authority of India (AAI) had conducted a Techno-Economic Feasibility Study (TEFS), an Obstacle Limitation Surfaces (OLS) survey, soil testing and other tests for all the six sites and submitted the reports. The construction work on these sites would begin once the AAI and the Ministry of Civil Aviation give all the necessary clearances. Hence, I would like to request the hon. Minister for Civil Aviation to issue the necessary clearances and to expedite the works of the proposed six airports in Telangana.