

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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WORLD CLASS AIRPORTS  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have worked out the modalities to have world-class airports;
- (b) if so, whether any concrete proposals in this regard have been initiated by the Ministry;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) by when the proposals are likely to be implemented; and
- (e) the extent to which the security measures have been improved at all the airports in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION ( SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY )

(a), (b) & (c):- Government of India in January, 2000 approved the restructuring of the airports of Airports Authority of India through long term lease route as and when found suitable. At the first instance, the airports at Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata were taken up for the restructuring exercise. In addition to the existing initiatives for leasing of major airports, it is proposed to take up the Delhi and Mumbai airports for modernization to international standards. Two separate companies will be formed with initial equal equity participation from the Airports Authority. These two companies could also take Joint Venture partners.

(d):- The proposal is under consideration. Hence no definite time frame can be given at this stage.

(e):- Specially trained CISF groups (Airport Security Group) have been inducted at 47 airports for performing anti-hijacking and perimeter security duties. All old security equipments are being gradually replaced with new state-of-art equipments like coloured X-B I S etc. Closed Circuit Televisions (CCTVs) have been installed in terminal buildings at Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Trivandrum, Amritsar, Jammu, Srinagar, Goa, Cochin, Hyderabad, Bangalore and Ahmedabad.