

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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RENAMING OF AIRPORTS

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

- (a) the details of the airports renamed in the country during the last three years;
- (b) whether some proposals for renaming of airports are pending with the Union Government;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon; and
- (d) the time by which these airports are likely to be renamed?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION ( SHRI PRAFUL PATEL )

(a) In the last three years, Nagpur airport and Leh airport have been renamed as Dr.Ambedkar International Airport and Kushok Bakula Rimpoche Terminal respectively w.e.f. 20.4.2005.

(b), (c) & (d) Request for renaming of following airports have been received: Aurangabad, Bhuj, Dabolim (Goa), Vadodara, Nanded, Raipur, Gondia, Belgaum, Madurai, Trivandrum, Bangalore International airport, Silchar, Jodhpur, Amritsar, Khajuraho, Srinagar, Dehradun, Lucknow, Jaipur and Varanasi.

The existing policy is generally to retain the name of cities for domestic airports, since passengers in general and especially foreign tourists and other visitors who may not be familiar with the local history find it easier to identify the airport when it is named after the city, which it serves.