

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:710

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DEDICATED AIRPORT EXPRESS RAIL LINK FROM THE AIRPORTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Karnataka Government has sent any proposal to develop a dedicated airport express rail link from the airports in Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the latest status thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a), (b), (c) & (d): Government of Karnataka (GOK) has not sent any proposal to develop a dedicated airport express rail link from the airports in Karnataka. However, the State Government had approached this Ministry for equity participation of Airports Authority of India (AAI) in the proposed project of high speed rail link as part of 'airport connectivity for Bengaluru International Airport. Considering the financial crunch of AAI, GoK was advised that equity participation by AAI in the proposed project is not possible and the project should be promoted as a State Government sponsored project.