

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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CONSTRUCTION OF AIRPORTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a committee of environment related matters has cleared several proposals for construction of airports in the country including the one in Shirdi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether several places of the country are being deprived of airports for want of environmental clearance or the same were not in accordance with the security parameters laid down for it; and

(d) if so, the details and the names of such airports which are not being shifted to other places despite not conforming the security parameters?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): The Expert Committee on Environment related matters constituted by the Ministry of Environment & Forest has cleared proposals relating to construction of Terminals at various airports of Airports Authority of India (AAI). These airports are Chandigarh, Dehradun, Jaipur, Khajuraho, Udaipur, Varanasi, Mysore, Madurai, Mangalore, Visakhapatnam, Pakyong (Sikkim), Dibrugarh, Bhubaneswar, Ranchi, Raipur, Ahmedabad, Aurangabad, Indore, Bhopal, Goa, Jaisalmer, Jalgaon and Itanaga. Shirdi is a proposed Greenfield airport being developed by the Government of Maharashtra.

(c) & (d): Only those projects which are cleared by the Ministry of Environment & Forest are taken up for execution by AAI.