

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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CHANGING THE NAME OF RAIPUR AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria adopted for naming an airport/changing the name of airport in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has received any proposal for changing the name of Raipur Airport and also for naming the three airports in Kerala;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the status of the proposals; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS & MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

- (a) There is no specific policy for renaming of airports. However, there is a general practice to name the airports after the cities, which they serve, 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. In certain cases, when the proposal has been moved by the State Governments and has been approved by the concerned Legislative Assembly, then the proposals of renaming of the airports are considered, and are decided on case to case basis with the approval of the Cabinet.
- (b), (c) & (d) Yes, Madam. A proposal to rename Raipur airport after Swami Vivekanand was received from the State Government of Chhattisgarh, but no recent proposal has been received from State Government of Kerala for renaming of its three airports.