

**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) whether the Government has received proposals from various State Governments including Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh for change of name of airports;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the status of each proposal;
- (c) whether the local representatives/authorities are likely to be consulted; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): Proposals for renaming of airports in the country are received by the Government on a regular basis and this includes a proposal of the State Government of Chhattisgarh for renaming of Raipur airport after Swami Vivekanand. However, no recent proposal has been received from State Government of Madhya Pradesh for renaming of airports.

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.