

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1689
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VELLORE AIRPORT
Abdulrahman Shri

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to establish a Training of Pilots Academy and the Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Aeronautical Science at the Vellore airport;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon;
- (c) the present status of the projects;
- (d) the time by which the Vellore airport will be fully functional;
- (e) whether the Salem and Vellore airports are at present unguarded; and
- (f) if so, the steps taken to make both these airports secured by deploying adequate security personnel?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS & MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a):- No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

(b) to (d):- Do not arise.

(e) and (f):- Salem is an operational airport and security is provided by State Police. Thirty six Airport Security Unit Personnel drawn from Tamil Nadu Police are posted at this airport. During operational hours, 31 police personnel are deployed for security duties at places like operational area, Terminal Building, Technical Block, Control Tower and other vital points. During non – operational hours, five police personnel are deployed for guarding duties at important locations round the clock. Vellore is a non-operational airport, guarded by two chowkidars of Airports Authority of India.