

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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NAMING OF BHUJ AIRPORT
Rathwa Shri Ramsinhbhai Patalbhai

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any request to change the name of the Bhuj airport as `Kranti Guru Pandit Shayamji Krishna Verma`;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Various proposals from time to time have been received from Government of Gujarat and an Hon`ble Member of Parliament for renaming of Bhuj airport after Late Kranti-Guru Pandit Shyamji Krishna Verma.

(c) The general policy of naming of airport has been to retain name of the cities for domestic airports, 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, when it is named after the city, which it serves.