

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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NAMING OF AIRPORTS  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the airports in the country which are yet to be named officially;
- (b) the details of the requests pending for renaming of airports; and
- (c) the reasons for not finalizing the names of the airports and the time by which the process of naming the airports will be completed?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) There are 87 operational airports owned and managed by Airports Authority of India in the country, out of which 70 airports have not been renamed as 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. Renaming of two Airports namely Chandigarh and Raipur, received from State Government of Punjab and Chhatisgarh respectively, are under consideration.