GOVERNMENT OF INDIA CIVIL AVIATION LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5377 ANSWERED ON:09.05.2012 AIRPORTS AT ARUNACHAL PRADESH Sanjoy Shri Takam

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Arunachal Pradesh has approached the Union Government for construction of Itanagar Green field airport at the original place at Karsingsa near Itanagar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reasons for delay in granting approval and the time by which the sanction is likely to be accorded?

Answer

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a) to (c) Yes, Madam. Two sites have been identified near Itanagar for construction of a new Greenfield airport, i.e. Banderdeva-Karsingsa and Holongi, with approximate cost of development being Rs.986 crores and Rs.600 crores, respectively. State Government of Arunachal Pradesh has given preference for Banderdeva-Karsingsa site, considering that the environmental clearance has already been obtained and constraint in making the land available at Hologi site.

An Inter-Ministerial Committee comprising of representatives of Ministry of Civil Aviation, Planning Commission, Department of North Eastern Region and State Government is to assess the relative advantages of the two sites including land acquisition difficulties at Holongi site and would make recommendation for a final decision on site selection.