

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2280
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MUZAFFARPUR AIRPORT
Rama Devi Smt.

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received proposals from the Government of Bihar regarding setting up of new airports and development and operationalising the existing airport at Muzaffarpur; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto along with reasons?

Answer

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a): Yes, Madam. Government of Bihar requested Airports Authority of India (AAI) to consider setting up of a Greenfield Airport at Nalanda and for developing the existing airport at Muzaffarpur.

(b): The request of the State Government was considered in AAI and they have conveyed to the State Government that the Government of Bihar may develop a Greenfield Airport at Nalanda under PPP mode subject to mandatory clearances, applicable rules and regulations under New Greenfield Airport Policy of the Central Government. However, no such proposal has been received in this Ministry so far.

As regards development of existing airport at Muzaffarpur, a feasibility study was conducted and the report submitted in December 2008, which indicates that there is no scope/ potential for development of Muzaffarpur Airport. Hence, at present there is no proposal for development of Muzaffarpur Airport.