

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1278  
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SETTING UP OF REGIONAL GREENFIELD AIRPORTS  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any policy has been formulated for setting up of Regional Greenfield Airports across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is a proposal of the Andhra Pradesh Government pending with the Ministry for setting up of 8 Regional Greenfield Airports in various parts of Andhra Pradesh;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government thereon?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Keeping in view the enormous growth in air passengers, which has put pressure on air infrastructure, Government had pronounced a policy for greenfield airports on national basis in April, 2008 to encourage infusion of greater investment in airport sector.

(c), (d) & (e) No, Sir. On the request of Government of Andhra Pradesh (GoAP), Airports Authority of India (AAI) has carried out the feasibility study of the possible sites for the development of 8 Regional Airports by GoAP at Nellore (Nellore District), Ongole (Prakasam District), Ramagundam (Karimnagar District), Kothagudem (Khammam District), Kurnool (Kurnool District), Tadepalligudem (West Godavari District-existing World War-II air strip), Nizamabad (Nizamabad District) and Bobbili (Vizianagaram District). AAI has submitted the report to GoAP for taking further necessary action.