

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3772
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SHIFTING OF AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received proposals from various State Governments including Bihar to shift their airports;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, case-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has acceded to all such requests;
- (d) if so, the present status of the proposals and if not, the reasons for pendency, case-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard and to ensure early disposal of pending cases along with the time by which the airports are likely to be shifted, airport-wise?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI K. C. VENUGOPAL)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): In January, 2011, Government of Bihar had proposed to develop a Greenfield Airport at Nalanda as an alternate to Patna Airport. AAI had projected a requirement of 4800 acres of land for this project, however, the State Government offered to give only 1200 acres of land. Government has suggested that the State Government consider developing a Civil Enclave at Bihta Airport belonging to Indian Air Force (IAF), subject to additional land requirement of 468 acres. A comparative study of both the sites showing their advantages was conveyed to the State Government. State Government of Rajasthan in October, 2011 had requested AAI for the development of a Greenfield Airport at Kota as an alternate to the existing airport. State Government has been requested to identify the site and furnish further details of the site.

(c), (d) & (e): The Proposals are pending for want of replies from the respective state Government.