

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3132
ANSWERED ON:09.12.2009
HAJ PILGRIMAGE ARRANGEMENTS
Ponnam Shri Prabhakar

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Ministry to convey No Objection Certificate (NOC) to the Ministry of Minorities for sanctioning the grant of Rs.10 crores for Haj pilgrimage arrangements at Hyderabad;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the time by when NOC will be given?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

- (a) & (b) The Ministry had received a request from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for grant of Rs. 10 crores for construction of separate Haj terminal in the existing Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad.
- (c) As the Ministry of External Affairs does not have any provision for the grants for construction of airports, no action on the request is contemplated.