

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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EXPANSION OF GANNAVARAM AIRPORT
Galla Shri Jayadev

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to expand/develop the Gannavaram airport in Andhra Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether land acquisition process has been completed for this project and if so, the details thereof and if not, the time by which its is likely to be completed; and
- (c) the time by which the expansion/development work of the said airport is likely to be completed?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Dr Mahesh Sharma)

(a): Yes, Madam. The Airports Authority of India (AAI) had carried out a feasibility study for upgradation/development of the Gannavaram airport as requested by the State Govt. of Andhra Pradesh and projected the requirement of 698 acres of land for runway extension upto 14500ft, enhancement of Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) facilities and other allied works.

(b) & (c): No, Madam. The acquisition and handing over of requisite land for development of the airport is done by the State Govt. and involves various rehabilitation and resettlement issues, besides diversion of canal etc. As such, no definite timeline can be envisaged at this stage.