

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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UPGRADATION OF AIRPORTS IN ANDHRA PRADESH  
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to upgrade the Vijayawada and Vishakhapatnam Airports to International airports in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details and the present status thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of the funds allocated and spent on the development/ renovation of these airports during the last three years and the current year?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The upgradation of airports is a continuous process and is undertaken by Airports Authority of India (AAI) from time to time depending upon the availability of land, commercial viability, technical feasibility, demand from airlines/passengers, etc. On the request of the State Govt. of Andhra Pradesh to survey and identify the requirements for upgradation of the Vijaywada airport to international standards and development of a Greenfield International airport at Visakhapatnam, AAI has projected total land requirements of 698 acres and 4000-5000 acres for the upgradation of Vijaywada Airport including runway extension upto 14500ft and enhancement of Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) facilities and construction of a Greenfield Airport at Visakhapatnam respectively to the State Govt. , besides fulfillment of other mandatory requisitions.

(c): The details of funds allocated and spent on the development of Vijaywada and Visakhapatnam Airports during the last three years and the current year are as follows:

Vijayawada

1. During the last three years - Rs.2.83 crores
2. Current year - Rs.7.24 crores

Visakhapatnam

1. During the last three years - Rs.6.65crores
2. Current year -Rs.27.70crores