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LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF AIRPORTS IN CHHATTISHGARH
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to develop airports in Jagdalpur, Bilaspur, Korba and Ambikapur of Chhattisgarh and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether a team of Airports Authority of India has recently conducted any survey in this regard and if so, the details and outcomes thereof;
- (c) whether a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the State Government of Chhattisgarh and AAI for these projects; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which development work of these airports is likely to be completed?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): The airports at Jagdalpur, Korba and Ambikapur belongs to the State Government. On a request from the State Govt., the Airports Authority of India (AAI) had conducted a pre-feasibility study for development of Jagdalpur airport in July, 2013 and observed that there are some obstacles for development of this airport as Aerodrome of 3C category.

The study report was sent to the State Government in November, 2013. ; The Bilaspur airport belongs to AAI. The Ministry of Defence desired to develop the airport as an Indian Army airport with a provision for development of a Civil Enclave by AAI for civil aviation purpose.;

(c)&(d): No, Madam. However, an MoU was signed between AAI and the Government of Chhattisgarh on 23.07.2013 for development of Raigarh Airport. AAI has finalized the Master Plan and Scope of Work for development of Raigarh Airport. No concrete time frame is envisaged at this stage.