

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF BELORA AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to transfer Belora Airport located at Amravati in Maharashtra to the Airports Authority of India (AAI) for its development;
- (b) whether the State Government of Maharashtra has submitted a proposal to the Government/AAI in this regard and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this proposal is pending with the Government/AAI and if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken by the Government/AAI on the said proposal?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): The Maharashtra Airport Development Company (MADC) has submitted a proposal to the Airports Authority of India (AAI) on 1st November, 2014 for transfer of Belora airport at Amravati in Maharashtra on long-term lease basis.
- (c) & (d): The proposal is being evaluated. A final decision in the matter will depend on various factors like commercial viability, traffic potential/demand, socio-economic considerations, willingness of the airlines to provide air services etc. and shall be taken soon.