

Title: Need for early completion of construction work of Runway at Vijayawada Airport, Andhra Pradesh-laid

SHRI RAM MOHAN GADDE (VIJAYAWADA): The Airport Authority of India had sanctioned the work of strengthening of runway and construction of new apron and link taxiway for Vijayawada Airport at a cost of Rs.16.29 crore. As agreed by the State Government to give interest free loan of Rs.8 crore, an amount of Rs.4 crore has been paid to Airport Authority of India during the year 1997-98 and the balance amount of Rs.4 crore is payable during the year 1998-99.

The State Government has no information about the progress of work and release of balance Rs.4 crore. I, therefore, request the Union Government to review the work done so far and direct to Airports Authority for early completion of work.