

Title: Need to declare Nagpur Airport as an International Airport and set up cargo hub there -Laid.

SHRI VILAS MUTTTEMWAR (NAGPUR): To give impetus to the economic development of Vidarbha region and Central India as a whole, the Government of Maharashtra planned to develop a Multi Model International Passenger and Cargo Hub at Nagpur. The Hub airport is proposed to be developed adjacent to the existing airport integrating the available facilities of Nagpur airport.

Nagpur is not only geographically located at the centre of the country but also strategically located between South-East Asia and Europe.

The Government of Maharashtra have already taken the decision to develop this airport and a consortium of consultants appointed to prepare techno feasibility report.

I would urge upon the Central Government to take early decision on the following matters:-

1. Nagpur airport be declared as International Airport both for passenger and Cargo.
2. Ministry of Civil Aviation should give permission for landing of international airlines under the open sky policy.
3. The Central Government should join hands with the State Government as equity partner in forming Special Purpose Company for the development of Multi Model International Hub Airport at Nagpur and existing assets be transferred to this SPC free of costs.
4. International airlines and domestic airlines should be encouraged to develop maintenance facilities and transit facilities at Nagpur airport as hub airport.