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Title : Need to accord approval to the proposal of Andhra Pradesh Government for establishment of an Aviation University in Hyderabad.

SHRI ANANTHA VENKATARAMI REDDY (ANANTAPUR): The Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Central Government to accord in-principle approval for establishment of an Aviation University in Hyderabad consequent to the closure of Begumpet Airport in March, 2008 after commencement of new International Airport at Shamshabad. In view of the acute shortage of skilled manpower in the aviation sector and also the fact that huge infrastructure assets are available in about seven hundred acres of land in Begumpet airport which is closed for commercial operations, the State Government has proposed to establish this Aviation University of international standards which can offer courses on multiple range of subjects. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has offered to provide all necessary support for the establishment of this University.

I would, therefore, request the Government to consider the request of the State Government and accord necessary in-principle approval for setting up the Aviation University in Hyderabad at the earliest.