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Title: Need to include the proposed airport at Bhadradi Kothagudem in Telangana under UDAN/PRASAD scheme.

PROF. A.S.R. NAIK (MAHABUBABAD): Madam Speaker, I thank the Central Government and particularly the Ministry of Civil Aviation for commencement of new airports in various parts of the country.

Madam, our hon. Chief Minister of Telangana has requested the Central Government for construction of a green field airport near Bhadrachalam in Kothagudem District of Telangana. The Government has agreed to sanction this airport. So, I, once again, thank the Ministry of Civil Aviation for this.

Now, the Government has announced two schemes, namely UDAN and PRASAD. Since this place is located 300 kms. away from our State Capital Hyderabad, the PRASAD Scheme is very relevant in this case. As you know very well, there is a very famous Bhadradi Sri Ramachandra Swamy *Mandir* nearer to the proposed airport. So, I request the Government of India to include this proposed airport into these two schemes and sanction financial assistance to the State so that we can immediately start the work for establishing the new airport.