

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. : 67
(To be answered on the 21st November 2019)**

NEW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

***67. SHRI M.V.V. SATYANARAYANA**

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government had approved construction of a new international airport at Bhogapuram in Vizianagaram district of Andhra Pradesh in February, 2015 and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the quantum of funds earmarked, released/to be released for construction of the said airport including rehabilitation works;
- (c) the number of bidders who have submitted their bids for the above work;
- (d) whether the contract/work has been finalized and awarded and if so, the reasons for delay in commencing the works; and
- (e) whether any time-line has been fixed to complete this airport and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State (IC) in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)

(Shri Hardeep Singh Puri)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in reply to part (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Q.No. 67 for 21.11.2019 regarding "New International Airport "

(a): Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India granted 'in principle' approval to Bhogapuram International Airport Corporation Limited (BIACL) now Andhra Pradesh Airports Development Corporation Limited (APADCL) for setting up of Bhogapuram International Greenfield Airport for public use in Vizianagaram District, near Visakhapatnam on 07.10.2016.

(b): M/s. APADCL, which is the nodal agency to implement the project, has informed that an amount of Rs.856.00 crore has been invested so far for the Bhogapuram International Airport project, towards land acquisition, rehabilitation works and repayment of interest on HUDCO loan.

(c): Three bidders namely (i) DoIT Smart Infrastructure India Pvt. Ltd., (ii) GMR Airports Limited and (iii) GVK Airports Holdings Limited submitted their bids for the proposed Greenfield Airport at Bhogapuram. M/s. GMR Airports Limited quoted the highest per passenger bid and was the winning bidder.

(d): The State Government of Andhra Pradesh who is the project proponent for this greenfield airport has informed that they have not awarded the project yet.

(e): The timeline for construction of an airport project depends upon several factors like land acquisition, availability of mandatory clearances, selection of the developer, financial closure, etc. by the implementing agency i.e. APADCL in case of Bhogapuram Greenfield Airport.
