

Airport express rail link in Hyderabad

2603. SHRI K.V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal has been received to develop a dedicated airport express rail link from the Begumpet airport at Hyderabad to the new airport at Shamshabad;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any request has been received from the State Government to accord approval for leasing land at the existing Begumpet airport on a long term basis and for taking steps to implement the project; and

(d) if so, the action taken on the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL) : (a) and (b) A proposal was received from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh (GoAP) to construct a dedicated airport Express Rail Link from Begumpet Airport to the newly constructed Greenfield Airport at Shamshabad. The proposal was examined and it was decided that the GoAP would get a Detailed Project Report (DPR) prepared and designate one of its entities as a nodal agency for the implementation of the Rail Express Link Project. Thereafter, a specific proposal would be submitted by the GoAP for the consideration of the Government and Airports Authority of India (AAI) to assess the amount of land that can be spared by it at Begumpet airport for the project in consultation with Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC).

(c) and (d) Infrastructure Corporation of Andhra Pradesh Limited (INCAP) requested AAI to spare 27 acres of AAI's land for implementing the project. The matter was considered by AAI and it was decided to hand over 27 acres of land to INCAP on lease basis for a period of 30 years subjects to some terms & conditions on signing of an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

Subsequently, the proposal was not found viable by the GoAP in view of huge cost involved and also not convenient to the public. Therefore, the GoAP has decided to go for a comprehensive rail network for the city of Hyderabad including airport at Shamshabad in place of proposed Express Rail Link.

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2604. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state: