

#### **Madurai airport as customs airport**

2605. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is proposed to declare Madurai airport as a Customs Airport;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL) : (a) to (c) Madurai airport is a domestic airport for operation upto AB-320 class of aircraft. At present there is no proposal to declare this airport as Custom Airport due to space and capacity constraints. However, the New Integrated Terminal under construction will have the facility for international operations.

#### **International Airport in Himachal Pradesh**

2606. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to set up an international airport in Himachal Pradesh under Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode to give a boost to tourism in the State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) by when international airport is likely to set up in the State;
- (d) whether it is a fact that the proposal to extend the runway at the Shimla airport is still lying pending; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL) : (a) At present, there is no proposal for setting up Greenfield airport in Himachal Pradesh under Public Private Partnership.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) and (e) The extension of runway at Shimla airport requires modification in the scope of work as it involves extensive cutting of hillock and filling the available cut earth in valley portion for the safe operation.

#### **Engagement of private security guards at airports**

2607. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state: