

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI G. M. SIDDESHWARA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A representation has been received recently in this regard. As per the standard procedure followed by the Government, proposals for naming/renaming of airports are generally considered based on the recommendations of the concerned State Government expressed by way of a resolution passed in the State Legislative Assembly. However, no such proposal has been received from the Government of Gujarat for renaming of Surat airport.

Revenue earned from aviation sector

134. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the revenue earned by Government from the aviation sector during the last three years;

(b) whether the revenue earned is not commensurate with the growth registered by the aviation sector;

(c) if so, the reformative measures being taken by Government in this regard;

(d) whether the country is lacking in the aviation safety infrastructure despite the large scale developments and investments in this sector; and

(e) if so, the steps proposed to be taken thereon by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI G. M. SIDDESHWARA): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Privatisation of air ports

135. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for augmentation and modernization of Ahmedabad airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and funds allotted for this purpose;

(c) whether there is a proposal for privatization of airports;

(d) if so, whether Ahmedabad airport would also be privatised;

(e) whether this would halt the modernization process of the airport; and

(f) if not, by when the proposed work would be completed?