

Completion of work at Gulbarga Airport

1142. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) since when Government of Karnataka is working on Gulbarga Airport;
- (b) what was the original cost estimated when the project started; and
- (c) when the airport will become operational actually, and what will be the final cost?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAYANT SINHA): (a) and (b) Government of India (GoI), Ministry of Civil Aviation granted 'in principle' approval to Government of Karnataka for setting up of Gulbarga Airport on 25th June, 2008. Initially the airport was to be developed on Public Private Partnership (PPP) basis. The developer started implementation in April, 2010 and later abandoned the project. State Government decided to complete the balance work through State PWD.

- (c) The project is to be implemented in three phases at an estimated cost of ₹ 109 crores. The timeline for construction of airport projects depends upon many factors such as land acquisition, availability of mandatory clearances, financial closure, etc. by the individual airport operator.

Permission for setting up of airlines by Qatar Airways

1143. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Qatar Airways has submitted its application for setting up of its airlines in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of that application;
- (c) how Government looks at Qatar Airways in view of the recent banning of Qatar Airways by many Middle East countries saying that it is promoting terrorism; and
- (d) whether Government is still in favour of Qatar Airways and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAYANT SINHA): (a) No, Sir.