## **Expansion of Thoothukudi Airport**

1260. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Airports Authority of India (AAI) had received proposal from Director, Thoothukudi Airport for extension of runway, taxiway, control tower, fire station and a new terminal building with a capacity to handle around 300 passengers;
- (b) if so, the details of steps taken on that proposal for expansion of Thoothukudi Airport; and
- (c) if no action has been taken on those proposal so far, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Airports Authority of India (AAI) has approved the proposal for construction of Domestic Terminal Building capable of handling 600 peak hour passengers (300 arrival + 300 departure) with all the modern facilities and amenities along with Air Traffic Control (ATC) tower, fire station and pavement works at Thoothukudi Airport at a cost of ₹380.87 crores. Tender has already been invited for Pavement work.

(c) Does not arise in view of the (a) and (b) above.

<sup>\*</sup>For the period from January to April, 2019.