Expansion of airports in Andhra Pradesh

- *50. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of CIVILAVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Central Government has taken note that air travel has considerably increased in the State of Andhra Pradesh as per the data in the last three years, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government is taking up the expansion of airports in the State on priority basis, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the airports being expanded along with the funds allocated and released so far; and
 - (d) the steps being taken by Government to speed up the expansion work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI): (a) Yes, Sir. The total number of air passengers is significantly increasing every year in Andhra Pradesh. Total air passengers handled at Andhra Pradesh airports are 28.0 lakh, 37.3 lakh, 41.2 lakh and 54.2 lakh during 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 respectively.

(b) and (c) Expansion/Upgradation of airports is a continuous process and is undertaken by Airports Authority of India (AAI) and concerned private operators from time to time depending on the availability of land, commercial viability, socio-economic consider-

ations, traffic demand/willingness of airlines to operate to/from such airports. AAI has undertaken the development/expansion works at Visakhapatnam, Vijayawada, Kadapa, Tirupati and Rajahmundry airports in Andhra Pradesh. The details of the funds allocated and released are given in the Statement (*See* below).

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(d) Considering the traffic growth, AAI regularly monitors and initiates development proposals for augmentation of operational efficiency of airports by upgrading/expanding city side and air side infrastructure.

Statement

Airport expansion work in the State of Andhra Pradesh

(₹ in crore)

| Sl. No. | Airport | Fund allocated/ Project cost | Fund released so far |
|---------|---------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. | Rajahmundry | 181.45 | 175.25 |
| 2. | Vijayawada | 756 | 142.70 |
| 3. | Tirupati | 177 | 12.56 |
| 4. | Kadapa | 105.27 | 30.7 |
| 5. | Visakhapatnam | 53.77 | 12.01 |

Female labour force participation rate

†*51. SHRI P.L. PUNIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that female labour force participation rate is continuously declining in the country, if so, the details for the last three years thereof;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the fall in female labour force participation rate is highest in rural areas, if so, the details for the last three years thereof; and
- (c) the details of the reasons behind the fall in female labour force participation rate and the measures taken by Government and the details of achievements thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) to (c) There are three sets of information

[†]Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.