

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION**

Rajya Sabha

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3205

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 24th March 2021

GREENFIELD AIRPORT IN MANDI HIMACHAL PRADESH

3205. MS. INDU BALA GOSWAMI

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the development of Greenfield airport project is proposed in Mandi, Himachal Pradesh;**
- (b) if so, the current status of the plan to develop this airport;**
- (c) whether land has been acquired for the said airport development plan;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) whether clearance has been obtained from the department of environment; and**
- (f) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**Minister of State (IC) in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
(Shri Hardeep Singh Puri)**

(a) to (f): Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) has received a proposal from Government of Himachal Pradesh (GoHP) seeking 'site clearance' approval for development of Greenfield airport in Mandi, Himachal Pradesh. Based on the inputs of Airports Authority of India(AAI), Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and Ministry of Defence (MoD), Steering Committee has recommended the project to MoCA subject to fulfillment of some pre-conditions by GoHP. The project was reviewed on 10.12.2020 with the officials of State Government, AAI and DGCA. Due to several physical obstructions on the present site, State Government was advised for adjustment of location of site or

changing the orientation of the runway and to conduct LIDAR survey of the site.

After finalization of master plan, post LIDAR Survey, land acquisition and environmental clearance etc. shall be carried out by the airport developer, i.e. State Government of Himachal Pradesh.
