GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 1786 (TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4th August 2021)

CONSTRUCTION AND COMMISSIONING OF NEW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT PUNE

1786. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI

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

- (a) whether Government plans to construct a new international airport at Pune to handle the air traffic:
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the site of the new airport in relation to the existing airport;
- (c) whether the land has been acquired and agency short-listed for the construction of airport and;
- (d) if so, the time-frame fixed for construction and commissioning of new international airport?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

- (a) & (b): In May, 2018, 'Site Clearance' to Maharashtra Airport Development Company Ltd. (MADC) for setting up Greenfield International Airport at Purandar, Pune, Maharashtra was granted by Government of India (GoI). The site is at an Aerial distance of 30 Kms south of existing Pune Airport. However, MADC in February, 2021 requested GoI for 'Site Clearance' for new site near villages Rise-Pise within 10 Km distance from the existing site owing to difficulty being faced in acquisition of land for the existing site. The fresh proposal of the State Government is being examined by concerned Departments.
- (c) & (d): State Government of Maharashtra has not acquired land and agency for the construction of the airport has also not been shortlisted yet. The timeline for completion and commissioning of airport project depends upon many factors such as land acquisition, availability of mandatory clearances, financial closure by the airport developer etc.