

Expansion of International Terminal at Chennai Airport

*400. SHRI R. SHUNMUGASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the proposed expansion at Chennai Airport;
- (b) the reasons for the delay in completing the expansion of the Anna International Terminal at Chennai Airport; and
- (c) whether there is also any proposal to have a second runway at Chennai Airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ MUSSAIN): (a) to (c) Extension and modification of Anna International Terminal at Chennai Airport by 24,560 sq. metres at a cost of Rs. 79.66 crores was sanctioned on 29.5.1998 and was expected to be completed by December 2001. The delay in completion is due to the requirement of obtaining environmental clearance, and additional scope of work like changes in layout of conveyor belts requested by Airlines Operators Committee (AOC) at a later stage. With the commissioning of the terminal, the passenger handling capacity would increase from the present 1.5 million to 2.7 million per annum.

There are already two runways at Chennai Airport though at any point of time only one can be used as the two runways intersect each other.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Tiruchirapalli as an International Airport

2669. SHRI P.G. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are having any proposal to fulfil the repeated assurance of making Tiruchirapalli as an international airport;
- (b) if so, the details of action taken to meet its infrastructural requirements; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) The Tiruchirapalli Airport is a