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To  
The Chief Secretary,  
Government of Goa,  
Goa.

(Kind Atten: Shri Ashok Nath, Chief Secretary)

Subject: Setting up of an airport of International Standards  
at MOPA in Goa.

Sir,

I am directed to say that the Union Cabinet in its meeting held on 29th March, 2000 has approved :

- (a) Setting up of a new airport of international standards at Mopa in Goa as per the institutional framework mentioned below,
- (b) Closure of existing airport at Goa for civilian operations on commissioning of new airport; and
- (c) a commitment that the proposed airport at Mopa will be declared as international airport on its commissioning in case it has all the necessary infrastructure facilities required for an international airport.

2. Institutional framework for setting of new airport:-

2.1. State Government has proposed for construction of the new airport on Build-Own-Operate Transfer (BOOT) basis. The private party will be selected through a global tendering process.

2.2. The policy on Airport Infrastructure states that in view of the worldwide thrust towards corporatisation and privatisation of airports, a strategy is needed that permits utmost latitude in the pattern of ownership and management of

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airports in the country. Thus airports may be owned by Central Government, PSU's State Government, urban local bodies, private companies and individuals, as also by Joint Ventures involving one or more of the above. Similarly, it would be best to keep all the options open in respect of management of airports or parts of airports. These could be on Build-own-Operation (BOO), Lease-Develop-Operate (LDO), Joint Venture, Management Contract or Wrap-around addition basis. In each individual case, the exact pattern could be negotiated, depending on the circumstances.

3. The State Government may take further necessary action for setting up of a new airport in Goa and the progress may kindly be intimated to this Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

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Deputy Secretary to the Government of India

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