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The Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka, Vidhana Souda, Bangalore.

Subject: Construction of Greenfield Airports at Gulbarga, Shimnga, Rijapur and Hassan, Karnataka.

Sir,

I am directed to inform that the Steering Committee on Greenfield Airports, in its meeting held on June 13, 2008 considered the proposals of the Government of Karnataka to set up airports at Gulbarga, . Bijapur, Hassan, and Shimoga and granted "in-principle" approval to these four projects subject to the conditions that Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) would be formalized between DGCA, AAI and Ministry of Defence regarding air space management for the airports at Gulbarga and Bijapur in view of the existing defence operations at Pune and Bidar. The project authorities may approach the DGCA for issue of aerodrome license.

Yours faithfully,

Tel: 24658991

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