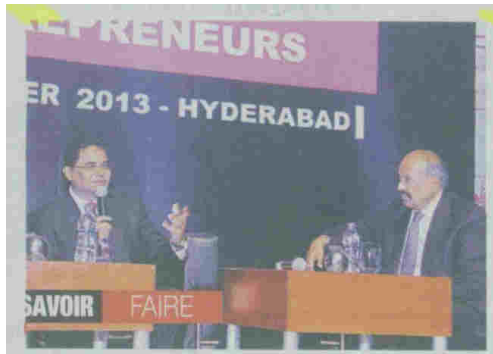


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GMR Group chairman G.M. Rao and serial entrepreneur and TIE summit chairman Srini Raju at TIE Entrepreneurial Summit 2013 in Hyderabad on Thursday. — DC

## GMR still open to run Male airport

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HYDERABAD, DEC. 19:

GMR Group chairman G.M. Rao expressed his willingness to run the Male airport, if the Maldivian government invites him, despite the legal tussle over the forced exit of Bengaluru-based group from the country.

"If the Maldivian government asks us to run the airport, we will run. We will have to do it. We have made a claim for \$1.4 billion compensation. If they

invite us, we are ready to do it," Mr Rao told reporters on the sidelines of TIE Entrepreneurial Summit in Hyderabad on Thursday.

Last year, the island nation had terminated the GMR Group's contract to run to construct a brown-field airport at Male, terming its decision to charge user charges as illegal. The recent change of guard in Maldives has brightened the prospects of the return of the GMR Group.