

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 811
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 28th July 2015)

AIR CONNECTIVITY TO DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

811. SHRI AVINASH PANDE

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to develop and modernize some airports in the country under Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/ Union Territory-wise along with their present status;
- (c) whether Government proposes to provide air connectivity to district headquarters across the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Dr Mahesh Sharma)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Government of India (GoI) intends to undertake the Operation, Management and Development of Chennai, Kolkata, Ahmedabad and Jaipur airports through Public Private Partnership (PPP). Airports Authority of India (AAI) has issued Request for Qualification documents on 30.12.2014.

(c) & (d): Government has laid down Route Dispersal Guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability while complying with the Route Dispersal Guidelines. Further, Airports Authority of India (AAI) grants certain concessions/exemptions in airport charges to encourage airline connectivity of remote areas of the country.
