

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
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DEVELOPMENT OF LOW COST AIRPORTS

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

- (a) the details of the progress made so far under the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) in developing low-cost airports in Tier II and Tier III cities with respect to recent spurt of growth in air traffic;
- (b) the total investment required in building 50 new airports to handle the growing air traffic; and
- (c) the number of these airports that will be built by Government and the number that will be built through Public-Private Partnership (PPP)?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) to (c): Ministry of Civil Aviation in the newly approved National Civil Aviation Policy, 2016, has made provision for promotion of regional Connectivity by way of revival of un-served and under-served airports/airstrips. Revival of such airports is "demand-driven", depending on firm demand from the airline operators and where the State Government agrees to provide various concessions envisaged in the Policy. State Governments can explore possibilities of developing these airports through Public Private Partnership (PPP) also. Further, Government has also decided to revive 50 un-served/under-served airstrips/airports at an estimated cost of Rs. 4500 crores, over a period of four years. Besides, to promote the Regional Connectivity Scheme, MoCA has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with 11 States/UTs so far.
