

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 2264
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6th December 2016)

EXPANSION OF RUNWAY AT PUDUCHERRY AIRPORT

2264. SHRI N.GOKULAKRISHNAN

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

- (a) whether the Puducherry Airport would soon start its functioning;
- (b) if so, by when it is likely to function, is there any proposal for expansion of existing runway;
- (c) whether sufficient lands have been acquired for the purpose; and
- (d) if so, how much extent of land was acquired and from whom?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) & (b): Puducherry Airport is an operational airport and its existing runway dimensions of 1502m x 30m is suitable for operation of ATR-72 type of aircraft. However, flight operations in domestic sector have been deregulated and the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to Route Dispersal Guidelines (RDG) issued by the Government. The airline operators provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand, commercial viability and their company policy.

(c) : No, Sir.

(d) : Government of Puducherry has acquired and handed over 170 acres of land against the overall requirement of 556 acres of land.
