

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
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(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6th December 2016)

STATUS OF GREENFIELD AIRPORT IN WEST BENGAL

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

- (a): the names of airports being constructed under Government's policy for Greenfield airports as announced in April, 2008;
- (b): the status of Government's Greenfield airport established in Andal, West Bengal;
- (c): whether Government has engaged private companies to work on this project if so, the details thereof; and
- (d): the details of the carriers operating at the airport, including Air India?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a): Government of India (GoI) has granted "in principle" approval for setting up of the 18 Greenfield airports in the country. The list of these airport is as under: Mopa in Goa, Navi Mumbai, Shirdi and Sindhudurg in Maharashtra, Bijapur, Gulbarga, Hasan and Shimoga in Karnataka, Kannur in Kerala, Durgapur in West Bengal, Dabra in Madhya Pradesh, Pakyong in Sikkim, Karaikal in Pudducherry, Kushinagar in Uttar Pradesh, Dholera in Gujarat and Dagadarthi Mendal, Nellore Dist., Bhogapuram in Vizianagaram District near Visakhapatnam and Oravakallu in Kurnool District, Andhra Pradesh. Further, Govt. of India has granted "site clearance" approval for setting up of 5 Greenfield airports in the country. Details of these airports are: Machiwarra, Ludhiana Airport in Punjab, Itanagar in Arunachal Pradesh, Jamshedpur in Jharkhand, Alwar in Rajasthan and Kothagudem in Telangana.

(b): The airport projects at Andal, Durgapur, West Bengal have been completed.

(c) & (d) : Yes Sir. GoI has granted 'in principle' approval to private company, namely Bengal Aerotropolis Projects Limited (BAPL) for setting up of Greenfield Airport in Durgapur, West Bengal. The commercial operations at Durgapur in West Bengal have already commenced on 18th May, 2015. Alliance Air and Air India were in operation under different agreements with BAPL on viability gap funding. However, flight operations have stopped since June, 2016.
