

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
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(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 27th March 2018)

Construction of new airports in Tamil Nadu

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

- (a): whether Government has any plans for the construction and expansion of new airports in Tamil Nadu;
- (b): if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c): the total estimated cost of this said project and the details of the funds to be generated for the same;
- (d): whether Government has fixed any time limit for the completion of the said project; and
- (e): if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) to (c): Airports Authority of India (AAI) has undertaken various development/upgradation works at Chennai Airport at a project cost of approx. Rs. 2100 cr. with a view to handle traffic till 2030 with the expanded capacity. Further, National Civil Aviation Policy, 2016, has a provision for promotion of regional connectivity by way of revival of un-served and under-served airports/airstrips under Regional Connectivity Scheme RCS-UDAN. 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. In 1st round of bidding, two proposals have been awarded to selected Airline Operator connecting Tamil Nadu to Salem and Neyveli and Chennai. In the 2nd round of bidding on 24th August, 2017, 3 Airline Operators have been declared selected airline operator to operate flights on networks connecting Tanjore, Vellore and Chennai. The likely expenditure for upgradation of Salem and Neyveli airport is approximately Rs. 31 crores and Tanjore and Vellore airport is approximately Rs.83 crores.

(d) and (e): The date of completion of the work of modernization of Chennai airport is by January, 2022. The Salem airport is ready for operation of RCS flights and Vellore airport would be upgraded after handling over of land by the State Government. The completion of airport depends upon many factors such as land acquisition, availability of mandatory clearances, financial closure etc.