

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 2417  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 8<sup>th</sup> August 2018)

**CONGESTION PROBLEM AT AIRPORTS**

2417. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR

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

- (a) whether Government is aware about the congestion problem at airports due to increased air travel;
- (b) if so, Government's plan to construct new airports in the coming years to tackle the capacity shortage in Delhi, Mumbai and other capital cities or State across the country;
- (c) whether Government is planning to sort-out the time slot issue in the short term; and
- (d) the details of AAI airports privatised in the past three fiscal years to improve their operational facet and accommodate more population?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) & (b): Some of the Airports Authority of India (AAI) airports face congestion at certain periods of the day when demand exceeds capacity which results in congestion at the airport. In order to augment capacity to meet the present and forecasted growth, AAI has reviewed airport infrastructure i.e. runway capacity, taxiways, Rapid Exist Taxiways, apron, new terminal building/expansion of existing building, construction of cargo building, hangars, car parking and approach road etc. of top 20 airports and initiated action to meet the demand. Further, the Government has embarked upon an ambitious NABH Nirman airport capacity expansion programme through which Government has proposed to increase the capacity of airports by 4 to 5 times to handle a billion passenger trips per year over the next 10 to 15 year. Further, to tackle the capacity shortage in Delhi and Mumbai airports, the concerned airport operators have taken action for creation of additional capacity by way of expansion of terminal, using facilities at Hindon airport for RCS aircrafts and development of new Greenfield airports at Navi Mumbai and Jewar. Government has also instituted a Flight Operations Committee, chaired by Chairman, AAI and including all relevant stakeholders to ensure that all flights are handled in a safe, orderly and expeditious manner.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): No AAI airport has been privatized in past three fiscal years.

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