

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 2735
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 18th March 2020)

DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS IN TAMIL NADU

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

- (a) the number of domestic and international airports existing in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) whether Government have identified cities to develop small airports in Tamil Nadu;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the reasons for not fixing any deadline for inauguration of Hosur airport in Tamil Nadu?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Hardeep Singh Puri)

(a): Airports Authority of India (AAI) owns and manages 8 airports in Tamil Nadu out of which 4 are domestic, 3 are international and 1 customs notified airport where international flights operate.

(b) & (c): Government of India, Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik) in October, 2016 with the objective to facilitate / stimulate regional air connectivity to currently under-served and un-served airports in the country, including those in Tamil Nadu. The expansion of airports under the scheme is 'demand driven', depending upon firm commitment from airline operators as well as from the State Government for providing various concessions. Under RCS, airports at Neyveli, Vellore, Ramnad, Thanjavur and Hosur in Tamil Nadu have been identified for development.

(d): The existing airstrip at Hosur is owned and operated by M/s Taneja Aerospace and Aviation Limited (TAAL) as a private airstrip and is located at a distance of 45 kms from Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru (BIAL). As per the provisions of Concession Agreement between Ministry of Civil Aviation and BIAL, no new or existing airports (except for Mysore and Hassan airports and that too for domestic purpose only) are permitted to be developed as, or improved or upgraded into, a Domestic Airport/International Airport within an aerial distance of 150 kilometres of the Bengaluru Airport before the twenty-fifth anniversary of its Opening Date which is 24th May, 2008.

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