

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 1632
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 1st August 2022)**

NEW AIRPORT AT THANJAVUR, TAMIL NADU

1632. SHRI S. KALYANASUNDARAM

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

- (a) whether Government has any plans to open a new airport in Thanjavur district in Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether a study has been conducted for the same and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

(a) to (c): Government of India (GoI) has formulated a Greenfield Airports (GFA) Policy, 2008 which provides detailed guidelines, procedures and steps related to construction of Greenfield airports across the Country. Under the GFA Policy, the project proponent- an airport developer or the respective State Government willing to establish a Greenfield airport is required to send a proposal to the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) in the prescribed format available at www.civilaviation.gov.in for 2-stage process i.e., 'Site Clearance' followed by an 'In-Principle' approval. Such proposals are considered by MoCA as per the procedure stipulated in the GFA Policy. No proposal as per GFA Policy for development of Greenfield airport in Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu has been received in the MoCA.

Thanjavur has an existing airport which belongs to Indian Air Force (IAF). Airports Authority of India (AAI) owns 26.5 acres of land in Thanjavur airport. However, this land is not sufficient to develop all the facilities for operationalisation of the airport. Therefore, AAI and IAF have agreed for mutual exchange of land for development of new Civil Enclave at Thanjavur.

Ministry of Civil Aviation has also launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik) in October, 2016 to stimulate regional air

connectivity and making air travel affordable to the masses. The existing Thanjavur Airport has been identified in the 2nd round of bidding under RCS for upgradation/development of the airport and the operation of RCS flights therefrom.
