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MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
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GREENFIELD AIRPORTS

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

- (a) whether Government is planning to launch new greenfield airports in the country;
- (b) if so, the selected cities for launching new greenfield airports; and
- (c) the criteria for selecting greenfield airports in different States?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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(a) & (b): Government of India has accorded 'in-principle' approval for setting up of 21 Greenfield Airports across the country namely at Mopa in Goa, Navi Mumbai, Shirdi and Sindhudurg in Maharashtra, Kalaburagi, Vijayapura, Hassan and Shivamogga in Karnataka, Dabra (Gwalior) in Madhya Pradesh, Kushinagar and Noida (Jewar) in Uttar Pradesh, Dholera and Hirasar (Rajkot) in Gujarat, Karaikal in Puducherry, Dagadarthi (Nellore), Bhogapuram and Orvakal (Kurnool) in Andhra Pradesh, Durgapur in West Bengal, Pakyong in Sikkim, Kannur in Kerala and Hollongi (Itanagar) in Arunachal Pradesh. So far, eight Greenfield airports namely Durgapur, Shirdi, Sindhudurg, Pakyong, Kannur, Kalaburagi, Orvakal and Kushinagar have been operationalized. In addition, Government of India has also granted the first stage clearance i.e. site clearance for construction of three Greenfield airports at Alwar in Rajasthan, Singrauli in Madhya Pradesh and Mandi in Himachal Pradesh.

(c): Government of India has formulated a Greenfield Airports Policy, which prescribes procedure and conditions for development of a new Greenfield airport in the country. As per policy, if any developer including the State Government desires to develop an airport, it is required to identify a suitable site and get the Pre-feasibility Study conducted for construction of airport and submit a proposal to the Central Government for 'Site-Clearance' followed by 'In-Principle' approval. A Greenfield Airport is set up at a place where there is deficit of infrastructure available for air transport services or the existing air infrastructure for the place is constrained/saturated to meet the growing air traffic demand.