GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
Rajya Sabha
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1293
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19th December 2022

IMPROVING AVIATION INFRASTRUCTURE

1293.   SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH

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

(a) the details regarding the number of airports in the country during the last five years, year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the number of airports in the country increased from 74 to 140 in the last five years, as claimed by Government's advertisements;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to improve aviation infrastructure during the last five years?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

(a) to (c): In comparison to 74 operational airports till, 2014, presently, there are 146 operational airports in the country. This includes 135 airports, 02 Water aerodromes and 09 Heliports. Ministry of Civil Aviation 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. As of 30.11.2022, after four rounds of bidding under UDAN, 453 routes have commenced, operationalizing 70 Airports including 2 Water Aerodrome, 9 Heliports and 7 Greenfield airports, namely Durgapur, Kannur, Orvakal, Kushinagar, Sindhudurg, Pakyong and Kalaburgi airports. The details of these airports have been Annexed.

Two more Greenfield airports at Shirdi (Maharashtra) and Donyi Polo Airport (Arunachal Pradesh) have also been operationalised.

Manohar International Airport at Mopa (Goa) has also been inaugurated on 11.12.2022.

(d): The Government is proactively supporting the aviation sector by providing a stable policy environment and incentivising competition led growth. India is one of the fastest growing aviation markets in the world and is already the third largest domestic aviation market. In 2016, the Government released the National Civil Aviation Policy (NCAP 2016), which laid out the vision, mission and key objectives for the sector. It covers the aviation value chain including regional connectivity, safety, security, airlines, airports, bilateral traffic rights, code-share agreements, air navigation, helicopters, cargo, manufacturing, maintenance and skill development etc. The Government has announced new MRO guidelines on 1st September, 2021 with a view to create a congenial atmosphere in the country for the development of the MRO industry for aircrafts/ helicopters/ drones and their engines and other parts. These guidelines inter-alia provide for the allotment of land at AAI airports through call of open tenders without levy of any royalty or cess of whatsoever nature to MRO operators. Similarly, liberalised Flying Training Organisation (FTO) guidelines have been approved wherein the concept of airport royalty (revenue share payment by FTOs to AAI) has been abolished and land rentals have been significantly rationalised to encourage setting up of FTOs to address the shortage of pilots in the country. The Government has also formulated Helicopter Operation Policy to encourage helicopter operations creating demand and growth.

In order to boost the aviation infrastructure, the Airports Authority of India (AAI) and private airport companies have taken up the development of new and existing airports with a projected capital expenditure of approximately Rs 98,000 crore in the next five years. The Government has accorded 'in-principle' approval for setting up of 21 Greenfield Airports across the country. So far, nine Greenfield airports have already been operationalized. The tenth Greenfield airport at Mopa (Goa) has been inaugurated on 11.12.2022 and is ready for operationalisation.

The Government has approved the 'Revival of unserved and under-served airports' scheme for the revival and development of 100 unserved and under-served airports, Helipads and Water Aerodromes by 2024.

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Annexure referred to in reply of parts (a) to (c) of RSUQ No.1293 dated 19.12.2022.
List of RCS Airports operationalized

S No.	State	Airport	Owner	Date of Operationalisation
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Kadapa (Underserved)(Round-1)	AAI	27-April-2017
2.		Kurnool Airport	AP Airports Dev. Corp. Ltd	28-march 2021
3.	Assam	Jorhat (Underserved)(Round-2)	IAF(CE-AAI)	1-Aug-2018
4.		Lilabari (Underserved)(Round-2)	AAI	15-Jan-2019
5.		Tezpur (Underserved)(Round-2)	IAF(CE-AAI)	26-April-2018
6.		Rupsi	AAI	8-may 2021
7.	Arunachal Pradesh	Tezu	AAI	15 August 2021
8.		Passighat	IAF	24-May 2021
9.	Bihar	Darbhanga(Round-1)	IAF(CE-AAI)	08-Nov-2020
10.	Chhattisgarh	Jagdalpur(Round-1)	State Govt.	14-June-2018
11.		Bilaspur (Round-1)	State Govt.	1-March-2021
12.	Daman & Diu	Diu (Underserved)(Round-1)	AAI	24-Feb-2018
13.	Gujarat	Bhavnagar (Underserved)(Round-1)	AAI	1-May-2018
14.		Jamnagar (Underserved)(Round-1)	IAF (CE-AAI)	17-Feb-2018
15.		Kandla(Round-1)	AAI	1-July-2017
16.		Keshod (Round-2)	AAI	16-Apr-2022
17.		Mundra(Round-1)	Private	17-Feb-2018
18.		Porbandar (Underserved)(Round-1)	AAI	10-July-2017
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20.		Statue of Unity (W) (Round-3)	State Govt.	31-Oct-2020
21.		Sabarmati River Front (W) (Round-3)	State Govt.	31-Oct-2020
22.	Haryana	Hissar (Round-2)	State Govt.	14-Jan-2021
23.	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla(Round-1)	AAI	27-April-2017
24.		Kullu (Underserved)(Round-3)	AAI	13-May-2019
25.		Mandi – **Heliport** (Unserved)	State Govt.	09-Dec-2021
26.		Rampur – **Heliport** (Unserved)	State Govt.	14-Dec-2021
27.	Jharkhand	Deoghar (Round-4.1)	AAI-Jharkhand (JV)	12-July-2022
28.	Karnataka	Belgaum (Underserved)(Round-3)	AAI	1-May-2019
29.		Hubli (Underserved)(Round-2)	AAI	14-May-2018
30.		Mysore(Round-1)	AAI	2-Sep-2017
31.		Vidyanagar(Round-1)	Private	21-Sep-2017
32.		Kalaburgi (Gulbarga)(Round-3)	State Govt.	22-Nov-2019
33.		Bidar(Round-1)	IAF(CE-SG)	07-Feb-2020
34.	Kerala	Kannur(Round-2)	Private (KIAL)	25-Jan-2019
35.	Madhya Pradesh	Gwalior (Underserved)(Round-1)	IAF (CE-AAI)	31-May-2017
36.	Maharashtra	Gondia	AAI	13-March-2022
37.		Jalgaon(Round-1)	AAI	23-Dec-2017

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38.		Kolhapur(Round-1)	AAI	8-April-2018
39.		Nanded(Round-1)	MIDC	27-April-2017
40.		Ozar (Nasik)(Round-1)	HAL	23-Dec-2017
41.		Sindhudurg	State Govt.	9-October -2021
42.	Meghalaya	Shillong (Underserved)(Round-1)	AAI	26-April-2018
43.	Nagaland	Dimapur (Underserved)(Round-3)	AAI	07-Dec-2019
44.	Odisha	Jharsuguda(Round-1)	AAI	22-Sep-2018
45.		Jeypore (Round-1)	State Govt.	03-Aug-2022
46.	Pondicherry (UT)	Pondicherry (Underserved)(Round-1)	AAI	16-Aug-2017
47.	Punjab	Adampur(Round-1)	IAF(CE-AAI)	1-May-2018
48.		Bhatinda(Round-1)	IAF(CE-AAI)	27-April-2017
49.		Ludhiana(Round-1)	AAI	2-Sep-2017
50.		Pathankot(Round-1)	IAF(CE-AAI)	5-April-2018
51.	Rajasthan	Bikaner(Round-1)	IAF(CE-AAI)	26-Sep-2017
52.		Jaisalmer(Round-1)	IAF(CE-AAI)	29-Oct-2017
53.		Kishangarh(Round-2)	AAI	8-Oct-2018
54.	Sikkim	Pakyong(Round-2)	AAI	4-Oct-2018
55.	Tamil Nadu	Salem(Round-1)	AAI	25-Mar-2018
56.	Uttar Pradesh	Agra (Underserved)(Round-1)	IAF(CE-AAI)	8-Dec-2017
57.		Allahabad (Underserved)(Round-2)	IAF(CE-AAI)	14-June-2018
58.		Kanpur(Chakeri)(Round-1)	IAF(CE-AAI)	3-July-2018
59.		Hindon(Round-2)	IAF(CE-AAI)	11-Oct-2019
60.		Bareilly	IAF(CE-AAI)	08-Mar-2021
61.		Kushinagar	AAI	26-Nov-2021
62.	Uttarakhand	Pantnagar (Underserved)(Round-1)	AAI	4-Jan-2019
63.		Pithoragarh(Round-2)	State Govt.	17-Jan-2019
64.		Sahastradhara - **Heliport** (Round-2)	State Govt.	08-Feb-2020
65.		Chinyalisaur –**Heliport** (Round-2)	State Govt.	08-Feb-2020
66.		Gaucher –**Heliport** (Round-2)	State Govt.	08-Feb-2020
67.		New Tehri –**Heliport** (Round-2)	State Govt.	29-July-2020
68.		Srinagar –**Heliport** (Round-2)	State Govt.	29-July-2020
69.		Haldwani – **Heliport** (Round-2)	State Govt.	8-Oct-2021
70.		Almora – Heliport (Round-2)	Army	26-Aug-2022
71.	West Bengal	Durgapur(Underserved)(Round-1)	Private	25-June-2019

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