

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 506
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 12th December 2022)**

**FEASIBILITY STUDY TO EXPAND CHENNAI INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT**

506. SHRI K.R.N. RAJESHKUMAR

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

- (a) whether Government has conducted feasibility study to expand existing Chennai International Airport using the nearby area;
- (b) if so, the details of study reports and if not, the reasons for not conducting the feasibility study; and
- (c) the rationale behind decision of the Government on greenfield investment rather than developing the existing airport at Chennai?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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

- (a) & (b): The existing airport at Chennai has space constraint. However, Airports Authority of India (AAI) undertook studies to explore expansion/ enhancement of capacity at Chennai Airport. Accordingly, AAI has undertaken the work of modernization/ expansion of the airport including construction of a New Integrated Terminal Building at a cost of Rs. 2467 crore. With this modernization/ expansion, the Chennai airport capacity will be augmented from 17 MPPA to 35 MPPA.
- (c): Due to limitations of land around the airport, State Government of Tamil Nadu has requested for site clearance for development of the second airport at Chennai under Greenfield Airports Policy - 2008 to cater for further growth of traffic at Chennai. Based on the feasibility study conducted by AAI, the State Government selected Parandur near Chennai for development of second airport at Chennai.
