

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 1295
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 13th March 2023)

GREENFIELD AIRPORT AT ERUMELI

1295. SMT JEBI MATHER HISHAM

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

- (a) by when the greenfield airport at Erumeli near Sabarimala will be operational;
- (b) how much land has been acquired for the airport so far;
- (c) whether the airport is intended to be established in PPP Model; and
- (d) the total estimated cost of the project?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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(a): 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 are required to send a proposal to the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) in the prescribed format for 2-stage approval process i.e., 'Site Clearance' followed by 'In-Principle' approval.

In June, 2020, Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation (KSIDC), a Government of Kerala Enterprise, submitted an application under GFA Policy, 2008 to Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) for grant of 'Site Clearance' for development of Greenfield airport at Kottayam (Sabarimala) in Kerala.

Timeline for completion of the airport projects depends upon many factors such as land acquisition, availability of mandatory clearances, financial closure etc.

(b) to (d): As per GFA Policy, the responsibility of implementation of airport projects including funding of the project, land acquisition etc. rests with the concerned airport developer including the respective State Government (in case the State Government is the project proponent)

As per information furnished in application for Site Clearance by KSIDC, 2263.18 acres of Government land has been identified for development of airport.

As per Techno-Economic Feasibility Study (TEFS) Report of the project, KSIDC plans to develop the airport under PPP Model at an estimated cost of Rs. 3973 crore.
