

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
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(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6th February 2023)

NEW AIRPORT AT DHOLERA IN GUJARAT

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

- (a) the number of new airports constructed in the country during the last five years;
- (b) whether it is a fact that a new airport is being developed at Dholera in Gujarat;
- (c) if so, the salient features of said airport, and by when it is expected to get operationalised; and
- (d) whether it has been proposed to build more new airports in other cities of Gujarat in future, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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(a): Since 2018, eight (8) Greenfield airports at Pakyong in 2018, Kannur in 2018, Kalaburagi in 2019, Oravakal in 2021, Sindhudurg in 2021, Kushinagar in 2021, Donyi Polo, Itanagar in 2022 and Manohar Airport, Mopa in 2023 have been developed and operationalized.

(b) and (c): In January, 2016, Government of India (GoI) has granted 'In-Principle' approval to State Government of Gujarat (GoG) for development of Greenfield Airport at Dholera (Ahmedabad). The project cost of Dholera Airport is Rs. 1305 crore and a Joint Venture Company namely Dholera International Airport Company Limited (DIACL), where Airports Authority of India (AAI), GoG and National Industrial Corridor Development and Implementation Trust (NICDIT) hold equity in the ratio of 51:33:16 respectively has been formed for execution of the project .

The salient features of Dholera airport include Passenger Terminal Building with handling capacity of 3.5 Million Passengers Per Annum (MPPA) and runway of length 3200 meters with required facilities for " Code E" Aircraft Operations. The Probable Date of Completion (PDC) of project is in December, 2025. However, timeline for completion of the airport projects depends upon many factors such as land acquisition, availability of mandatory clearances, financial closure etc.

(d): In addition to Dholera Greenfield airport project, GoI has granted 'In-Principle'

approval to State GoG in October, 2017 for development of Greenfield airport at Hirasar (Rajkot).The State Government has collaborated with AAI for development of the Hirasar airport at a project cost of Rs. 1405 crore.
