

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
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(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3rd April 2023)

BUILDING AN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN AGRA

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

- (a) the details of the plan of Government to build an international airport in Agra;
- (b) the efforts being made by Government to increase the passenger amenities at Kheria Airport located in Agra; and
- (c) the number of airports in the country from where direct flights to Agra Airport have begun and the plan to increase number of flights?

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 prescribes the procedure and conditions for development of a new Greenfield airport in the country. As per the Policy, a State Government or an Airport Developer, willing to establish an airport, is required to send a proposal to the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) for 2-stage approval i.e. 'Site-Clearance' followed by 'In-Principle' approval. Such proposals are considered by MoCA as per the procedure stipulated in the GFA Policy. As of now, no proposal has been received for developing an international airport in Agra, either from State Government concerned or any other Airport Developer.

(b) & (c): At present, Agra airport is connected with Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Bhopal, Lucknow and Mumbai through flights.

After repeal of the Air Corporation Act in March 1994, the Indian domestic aviation market has been deregulated. Consequently, airlines are free to induct capacity with any aircraft type for selecting whatever markets and network they wish to service and operate with compliance of Route Dispersal Guidelines (RDGs) issued by the Government across the country. Thus, it is up to the airlines to provide air services to/from any airport in the country depending on their operational and commercial viability. The Ministry of Civil Aviation regularly interacts with the airlines to promote air connectivity.
