

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 327**  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023)

**SETTING UP OF ADDITIONAL AIRPORTS IN NORTH EASTERN STATES**

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

(a) whether Government has any proposal to set up additional airports in the North Eastern Region of the country for the convenience of air passengers, details thereof; and

(b) if so, the details of the cities where additional airports are under consideration and by when such airports would be made operational?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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(a) & (b): Government of India (GoI) has formulated a Greenfield Airports (GFA) Policy, 2008 which prescribes the procedure and conditions for development of new Greenfield airports in the country. There is a two stage process of approval, i.e. 'Site-Clearance' followed by 'In-Principle' approval.

Airports Authority of India (AAI) has submitted an application under GFA Policy, 2008 to Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) for grant of 'Site-Clearance' for development of a Greenfield airport at Doloo T.E., Cachar, Assam. As per GFA Policy, the proposal has been sent to the concerned stakeholders including Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and Ministry of Defence (MoD) for their comments. After completion of this consultation with stakeholders, the proposal is required to be placed before the Steering Committee on Greenfield Airports for their recommendation, with respect to award of Site Clearance.

As per the GFA Policy, 2008, the responsibility of implementation of airport projects including funding of the project, land acquisition, R&R etc rests with the concerned airport developer including the respective State Government (in case the State Government is the project proponent). The timeline for construction of airports depends upon various factors such as land acquisition, mandatory clearances, removal of obstacles, financial closure etc. by the respective airport

developers.

Two greenfield airports in North Eastern Region namely, Pakyong and Itanagar (Hollongi) have been constructed under GFA Policy, 2008.

Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21-10-2016 to stimulate regional air connectivity including in the North Eastern Region, and making air travel affordable to the masses. The Scheme is demand driven.

Under the UDAN Scheme, 10 airports in the North Eastern Region namely Passighat, Tezu, Itanagar (Hollongi), Jorhat, Lilabari, Rupsi, Tezpur, Shillong (Barapani), Dimapur and Pakyong have been operationalised/revived.

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