

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 332
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 24th July 2023)**

NEW AIRPORTS

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

- (a) the details regarding the number of airports in the country constructed/ built during the last four years;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the number of airports in the country increased during the last four years including Uttar Pradesh;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken to improve aviation infrastructure during the last four years?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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(a) to (c): In 2014, there were 74 operational airports in the country which have now been increased to 148 airports which includes new Greenfield Airports and Airports/Water Aerodromes/Heliports operationalised/revived under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik). Under the Greenfield Airports (GFA) Policy, 2008 of Government of India (GoI), 'In-Principle' approval for setting up of 21 new Greenfield Airports across the country has been granted by GoI. Out of these, 11 Greenfield Airports have been operationalized including 7 airports operationalised during the last four years viz. Kalaburagi Airport (November, 2019) and Shivamogga Airport (February, 2023) in Karnataka, Sindhudurg Airport (October, 2021) in Maharashtra, Kushinagar Airport (October, 2021) in Uttar Pradesh, Orvakal (Kurnool) Airport (March, 2021) in Andhra Pradesh, Donyi Polo (Itanagar) Airport (November, 2022) in Arunachal Pradesh and Manohar International Airport (Mopa) (January, 2023) in Goa. Under RCS-UDAN, 35 airports have been operationalized/revived during last four years.

(d): Airports Authority of India (AAI) and other airport developers have targeted capital outlay of approximately Rs. 98,000 crore in the airports sector during 2019-24 for expansion and modification of existing terminals, strengthening of runways and developing Greenfield Airports among other activities to meet the growing air

traffic demands. Further, Ministry of Civil Aviation through RCS-UDAN launched on 21.10.2016, aims to stimulate regional air connectivity and make air travel affordable to the masses.
