

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
Rajya Sabha
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1603
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 18th December 2023
NEW AIRPORTS AND THEIR VIABILITY

1603. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA

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

- (a) the number of greenfield airports that have been established and become operational in the last five years, the details thereof;**
- (b) the number of airports out of the aforesaid airports facing viability challenges and the details thereof;**
- (c) the measures Government has taken to resolve the viability-gap funding and the details thereof; and**
- (d) whether any of the aforesaid airports has become non-functional, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
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(a) & (b): During the last 5 years, 9 Greenfield airports namely, Kannur, Kalaburagi, Sindhudurg, Oravakal (Kurnool), Kushinagar, Itanagar, Mopa, Shivamogga and Rajkot (Hirasar) have been operationalised. Greenfield airports are developed with the goal of enhancing connectivity leading to all round economic development of the region. Greenfield Airport Projects are capital intensive with long gestation periods. The viability of greenfield airports depends on various factors, including regulatory approvals, infrastructure development, airline and route development, passenger and cargo demand, market competition, and revenue generation efforts. The profit/loss details of the above mentioned 9 Airports for FY-2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 is at Annexure.

(c): As per the GFA Policy, 2008, the project proponent including State Government is responsible for funding of the Greenfield Airport Project and to consider the financial viability based on the catchment area, expected passenger footfall, traffic triggers etc.

(d): None of the above mentioned airports have become non-functional.

ANNEXURE

Statement referred in reply of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No.1603 for answer on 18.12.2023

Profit/Loss Statement of 9 Greenfield Airports**₹ in crore.**

SL. NO.	NAME OF AIRPORT	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
1	SINDHUDURG	-20.37	-22.49	-40.20
2	ORVAKAL* (KURNOOL)	NA	-18.28	-6.5
3	KUSHINAGAR	-3.58	-2.78	-9.05
4	DONYI POLO, ITANAGAR **	NA	NA	-3.38
5	KALABURGI	-4.23	-5.03	-6.45
6	MOPA***	NA	NA	-148.34
7	SHIVAMOGGA***	NA	NA	NA
8	KANNUR AIRPORT	-178.48	-138.27	-131.98
9	RAJKOT***	NA	NA	NA

NA- Not Applicable

*Orvakal (Kurnool) Airport was operationalised in March, 2021.

**Donyi Polo Airport was operationalised in November, 2022.

***Mopa Airport was operationalised in January, 2023, Shivamogga Airport was operationalised in February, 2023 and Rajkot Airport was operationalised in July, 2023.
