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MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
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INCREASING CAPACITY OF AIRPORT RUNWAYS IN THE COUNTRY

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

- (a) whether Government is considering to increase the capacity of some of the airports runways in the country, the details thereof, airport-wise; and
(b) whether work in some of the airports runways is under progress and any timeline has been fixed for completion, and the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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(a) and (b): The upgradation of infrastructure/facilities at airports including extension of runways, construction of Parallel Taxi Track, Link Taxi Track and Rapid Exit Taxi Track, is a continuous process, undertaken by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) or the concerned Airport Operators depending upon operational requirements, traffic, demand, commercial feasibility, availability of land etc.

AAI has undertaken runway extension/ strengthening/ resurfacing works at Tuticorin, Bhubaneswar, Dibrugarh, Patna, Dhalbhumgarh, Agartala, Begumpet (Hyderabad), Calicut, Kalaburgi, Vadodara, Chennai, Udaipur, Dholera, Rewa, Agatti (Lakshadweep), Satna and Solapur airports. Apart from this, AAI has undertaken construction of Parallel Taxi Track at Surat, Patna, Bhubaneswar and Ranchi airports. The timeline for completion of these works depends upon various factors such as land acquisition, mandatory clearances, removal of obstacles, financial closure etc. by the respective airport developers.
