

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
RAJYA SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO : 73  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 29<sup>th</sup> July 2024)**

**NEW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS IN THE COUNTRY**

\*73. SMT GEETA ALIAS CHANDRAPRABHA

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

- (a) the total number of new international airports set up in the country in the last five years;
- (b) the States where maximum number of airports have been set up;
- (c) the per centage increase in international air travel in the country over the last five years;
- (d) the name of the countries where highest number of passengers have travelled from the country; and
- (e) the details of new international airports to be set up in Uttar Pradesh?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (E) IN RESPECT OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 73 FOR REPLY ON 29.07.2024 REGARDING NEW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS IN THE COUNTRY ASKED BY SMT. GEETA ALIAS CHANDRAPRABHA.

(a): In last five years, 3 International Greenfield Airports namely Kushinagar in Uttar Pradesh, Mopa in Goa and Hirasar (Rajkot) in Gujarat have been operationalized. Apart from this, Surat and Ayodhya Airports have been upgraded to International status.

(b): The State of Uttar Pradesh has the maximum number of operational airports in the country, i.e. 17, out of which 4 are International Airports.

(c): The Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) for the last five years for the International Air Traffic is 1.9%. International Passengers Traffic during the last 5 years has been as follows:

Financial year	Total Passengers
2019-20	60,773,115
2020-21	8,787,164
2021-22	21,181,427
2022-23	54,634,558
2023-24	66,711,693

As can be seen after the initial adverse impact of COVID-19, there has been a resurgence in International passenger traffic and in FY 2023-24, wherein a growth of approximately 22% was registered from previous year, surpassing the Pre-Covid air traffic.

(d): The highest number of passengers have travelled to United Arab Emirates from the Country.

(e): In 2018, Government of India (GoI) has accorded 'In-Principle' approval to Government of Uttar Pradesh for development of International Greenfield Airport at Noida (Jewar), Uttar Pradesh. Airport Development in Phase-I is for single Code E compliant Runway of 3900 m x 45 m and Passenger handling capacity of 12 Million Passengers Per Annum at a project cost of Rs. 10,056 crore.

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