

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 1456
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 5th August 2024)

NEW AIRPORTS AND TERMINALS

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

- (a) whether the nation is witnessing an unprecedented boom in the aviation sector and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of new airports and terminals opened during the last three years; and
- (c) the total number of operational civil airports in 2019 and at present?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a): Before Covid-19 pandemic, India was one of the fastest growing aviation market in the world. During the six-year period i.e. 2014-15 to 2019-20, Indian airports witnessed robust double-digit Compound Annual Growth Rate of 12.4% in terms of total passenger traffic. Post Covid, Indian aviation industry is again on the growth trajectory and the total passenger traffic during 2023-24 has already surpassed the pre-covid traffic.

(b): In the last three years, seven greenfield airports namely, Sindhudurg in Maharashtra, Kushinagar in Uttar Pradesh, Hirasar (Rajkot) in Gujarat, Oravakal (Kurnool) in Andhra Pradesh, Itanagar in Arunachal Pradesh, Mopa in Goa and Shivamogga in Karnataka have been operationalised. In addition, new terminals buildings at Dehradun, Agartala, Bengaluru, Trichy, Ayodhya, Surat, Chennai, Tezu, Kanpur, Port Blair, Pune, Kolhapur, Gwalior, Jabalpur, Delhi (T1), Lucknow (T3), Adampur, Aligarh, Azamgarh, Chitrakoot, Moradabad and Shravasti airports have been developed.

(c): As per the Summer Schedule 2019 of Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), 99 airports had scheduled operations in the year 2019. At present, there are 157 operational airports in the country, out of which, 125 airports have scheduled operations as per DGCA's Summer Schedule 2024.
