

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
Rajya Sabha
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 650
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 29th July 2024
AYODHYA AIRPORT

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

- (a) the exact month-wise statistics for air passenger traffic to Ayodhya since January 2024;**
- (b) whether current facilities at Ayodhya Airport are efficiently handling the surge in passenger traffic;**
- (c) the specific infrastructure developments being planned to support the anticipated increase in passenger numbers;**
- (d) the expected economic impact of increased air travel to Ayodhya on the local community; and**
- (e) the long-term projections for air passenger traffic and the plan for Ayodhya Airport to maintain growth?**

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a): The details of month-wise air passenger traffic at Ayodhya airport since January to June 2024 are at Annexure-I .

(b) & (c): The existing airport at Ayodhya Airport has a runway 2200x45 metre which is suitable for operation of 4C type of aircraft. The terminal Building has an area of 6250 sq. metre which has a peak hour passenger capacity of 675. In view of the anticipated increase in passenger traffic, Aiports Authority of India (AAI) has taken up expansion of the airport with runway extension by 1550m to 3750x45m . A new terminal building having an area 50000 sqm is also planned to accommodate peak hour passenger capacity of 5675. Extension of apron is proposed to increase parking bays from existing 8 to 26.

(d): The increase in air travel to Ayodhya is likely to provide stimulus to local economy viz. hotels, restaurants, local transport, souvenir shops etc.

(e): The long term projections of air passenger traffic at Ayodhya airport are at Annexure-II.

Annexure-I

| Passengers handled at Ayodhya airport during January to June 2024 | |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| 2024 | Passengers (In Number) |
| January | 25436 |
| February | 90183 |
| March | 96961 |
| April | 89729 |
| May | 80529 |
| June | 99781 |

Annexure-II

| TRAFFIC FORECAST - AYODHYA AIRPORT | |
|---|------------------------------------|
| YEAR | PASSENGERS (in million) |
| 2024-25 | 1.08 |
| 2025-26 | 1.24 |
| 2026-27 | 1.43 |
| 2027-28 | 1.64 |
| 2028-29 | 1.89 |
| 2029-30 | 2.17 |
| 2030-31 | 2.43 |
| 2031-32 | 2.72 |
| 2032-33 | 3.05 |
| 2033-34 | 3.42 |
| 2034-35 | 3.83 |
| 2035-36 | 4.25 |
| 2036-37 | 4.72 |
| 2037-38 | 5.24 |
| 2038-39 | 5.81 |
| 2039-40 | 6.45 |