

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
Rajya Sabha
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 141
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 25th November 2024
EXPANSION OF THE AVIATION SECTOR

141. SMT SUMITRA BALMIK

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

- (a) whether Government has done any study on the expected growth in the number of flyers in the next five years, if so, the details thereof?**
- (b) the expected growth in the number of flights in the next five years, the details thereof?**
- (c) the total number of airports that are planned to be constructed in the next five years? and**
- (d) the infrastructure, manpower, flight routes, security audit etc., planned to be increased in the next five years, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (b): The Government has not conducted any specific study on the expected growth of the aviation sector in the next five years, however, the Ministry has estimated the growth in the number of flyers, aircraft fleet and airport capacity as per Annexure.

(c) to (d): The Government of India has accorded 'In-Principle' approval for setting up 21 new Greenfield Airports. Out of these, 12 Greenfield Airports viz. Durgapur, Shirdi, Kannur, Pakyong, Kalaburagi, Orvakal (Kurnool), Sindhudurg, Kushinagar, Itanagar, Mopa, Shivamogga and Rajkot have been operationalised. The remaining Greenfield Airports are planned to be developed in the next five years. Further, under the Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik(UDAN) Scheme unserved and underserved

Airports are being taken up for development. However, the timelines for the construction of airports depend upon various factors such as land acquisition, mandatory clearances, removal of obstacles, financial closure, etc. by the respective airport developers. The manpower, security and the aviation ecosystem are expected to grow in a commensurate manner.

Annexure

Sl. No.	Metric	FY24	FY29 (Projected)
1	Air Passenger (in millions)	222	400
2	Aircraft fleet size (no.)	813	1300
3	Airport Capacity (mppa)	550	800