

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
Rajya Sabha
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1472
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 9th December 2024
AIRPORTS IN TIER 2 CITIES

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

- (a) the total number of greenfield airports sanctioned, completed, and made operational under Greenfield Airports (GFA) Policy, 2008, and funds utilised for the same, State-wise;**
- (b) whether Government has received any new proposal from the State Government(s) for the development of such airports, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) whether it is a fact that airports in Tier 2 cities have seen a decline in domestic passengers, if so, the policy measures undertaken in this regard?**

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b): Government of India (Gol) has formulated a Greenfield Airports (GFA) Policy, 2008 for development of new Greenfield airports in the country through a two stage approval process by Central Government for 'Site Clearance' followed by 'In-Principle' approval. As per GFA Policy, 2008, the responsibility for implementation of the Greenfield airport project including land acquisition, finalisation of project cost and its funding etc. lies with the concerned airport developer or the State Government, as the case may be.

So far, Gol has accorded 'In-Principle' approval for setting up of 21 Greenfield Airports across the country namely Mopa in Goa, Navi Mumbai, Shirdi and Sindhudurg in Maharashtra, Kalaburagi,

Vijayapura, Hassan and Shivamogga in Karnataka, Dabra (Gwalior) in Madhya Pradesh, Kushinagar and Noida (Jewar) in Uttar Pradesh, Dholera and Hirasar (Rajkot) in Gujarat, Karaikal in Puducherry, Dagadarthi , Bhogapuram and Oravakal (Kurnool) in Andhra Pradesh, Durgapur in West Bengal, Pakyong in Sikkim, Kannur in Kerala and Itanagar (Hollongi) in Arunachal Pradesh, as per GFA Policy, 2008.

Out of these, 12 Greenfield airports viz. Durgapur, Shirdi, Kannur, Pakyong, Kalaburagi, Orvakal (Kurnool), Sindhudurg, Kushinagar, Itanagar (Hollongi), Mopa, Shivamogga and Rajkot (Hirasar) have been operationalised.

Besides, Gol has also granted 'Site Clearance' for construction of 9 Greenfield airports namely Alwar in Rajasthan, Singrauli in Madhya Pradesh, Mandi in Himachal Pradesh, Kottayam in Kerala, Puri in Odisha, Doloo in Assam, Parandur in Tamil Nadu, Kota in Rajasthan and Raichur in Karnataka.

(c): Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21.10.2016 to promote regional air connectivity and making air travel affordable to the masses. The total passengers traffic at RCS Airports increased from approximately 47.89 lakhs in 2019-20 to 67.85 lakhs in 2023-24.
