

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 2261  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024)**

**AERO BRIDGE**

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

- (a) the number of aero bridges currently operational at airports across the country;
- (b) the number of new aero bridges installed during the last three years, alongwith the budget allocated and utilized for these installations;
- (c) the impact of aero bridges on passenger convenience and safety, supported by relevant data; and
- (d) the measure taken to expand the number of aero bridges at major and regional airports, including timelines and proposed investments particularly in Karnataka?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

- (a): Currently, more than 475 aero bridges are operational at various airports across the country.
- (b): During the past three years, around 140 new aero bridges have been installed at various airports in the country, of which 49 such aero bridges have been installed by Airports Authority of India (AAI) at a cost of Rs.140.22 crore.
- (c): Aerobridges enhance passenger convenience and safety by providing weather protection, smooth access for passengers with reduced mobility, easier luggage handling, reduced transit time, and eliminating tarmac risks, thereby ensuring comfort and efficiency.
- (d): The Airport operators, including the Airports Authority of India (AAI), undertake initiatives from time to time to expand aero bridge infrastructure, taking into account factors such as anticipated passenger growth, operational requirements, land availability, technological advancements, and airline preferences.

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