

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION**  
**Rajya Sabha**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2264**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 16th December 2024**  
**GREENFIELD AIRPORT AT SABARIMALA**

**2264. SHRI HARIS BEERAN**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any initiative for sanction of new airports in various States;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether Government of Kerala has submitted any project proposal for a new greenfield airport at Sabarimala; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) & (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, i.e. 'Site Clearance' followed by 'In-Principle' approval. 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 Rajkot (Hirasar) 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.**

**(c) & (d): Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation Limited (KSIDC), a State Government of Kerala Agency had submitted a proposal to Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) for grant of 'Site Clearance' for development of a Greenfield Airport in Kottayam (Sabarimala) near Erumeli in Kottayam district. The proposal was examined in MoCA in consultation with the stakeholders and in April, 2023, 'Site Clearance' has been granted to KSIDC for development of a Greenfield Airport in Kottayam (Sabarimala).**

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