

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 25
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 25th November 2024)**

**CAPITAL EXPENDITURE ON AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT AND
MODERNISATION**

25. **SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE**

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

- a) the details of the total capital expenditure of over Rs. 91,000 crores allocated for the development, upgradation, and modernization of airports under the Airports Authority of India (AAI) and Public-Private Partnership (PPP);
- (b) the details of such capital expenditure allocated, sanctioned, and utilized from FY 2019- 20 to till date, year-wise;
- (c) the details of the airports where such funds have been spent, alongwith the details of the projects undertaken including nature of the projects, completion timeline, etc., State- wise and airport-wise; and
- (d) the steps have Government taken to ensure the efficient utilization of funds and timely completion of such projects?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (c): Airport operators/developers including Airports Authority of India (AAI) have embarked upon a Capital Expenditure (CAPEX) plan of more than Rs. 91,000 crore during the period FY 2019-20 to FY 2024-25 for development / upgradation / modernisation of various airports in the country to meet the requirement of Air traffic / passengers' growth which includes new airports, expansions/ modification of existing terminals, addition of new passenger facilities, New terminals, expansions / strengthening of existing runways, aprons, Air Navigation Services (ANS) work like control tower, technical block etc.

This includes AAI's share of more than Rs. 25,000 crore and remaining by Private Airport Operators/Developers. AAI incurs Capital Expenditure mainly from its own resources and in some part from the Budgetary grant of (a) Rs. 4500 crore allocated for revival/upgradation of unserved and underserved Airports/Heliports/Water Aerodromes under Phase I of the Regional Connectivity Scheme - Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik (RCS-UDAN) and (b) Rs.1000 crore

allocated in Phase-II of the RCS-UDAN to revive additional airports, heliports, water aerodromes and advanced landing grounds during the period 2023-24 to 2025-26.

Private Airport Operators/Developers incur CAPEX from their own sources.

During the last five years, CAPEX expenditure by AAI and Private Airport Operators/Developers have approximately been Rs. 13415 crore (FY 2019-20), Rs. 11715 crore (FY 2020-21), Rs. 12216 crore (FY 2021-22), Rs. 16630 crore (FY 2022-23) and Rs. 18148 crore (FY 2023-24)

Upgradation/ Modernisation of airports is a continuous process and is undertaken by Airports Authority of India (AAI) and other Airport Operators/Developers from time to time depending on the availability of land, commercial viability, socio-economic considerations, traffic demand / willingness of airlines to operate to/from such airports. Since FY 2019-20, airport projects have been undertaken by AAI and Private airport operators/developers at several airports across the country including at Delhi, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Lucknow, Guwahati, Ahmedabad, Mopa, Navi Mumbai, Noida (Jewar), Bhogapuram, Ayodhya, Kushinagar, Sindhudurg, Hollongi, Dholera, Dehradun, Agartala, Patna, Vijayawada, Deoghar, Amrtisar, Chennai, Tirupati, Mangalore, Kolkata, Port Blair, Surat, Tiruchirapally, Kolhapur, Jabalpur, Gwalior, Rajkot, Leh, Hubballi, Imphal, Jodhpur, Udaipur, Rajahmundry, Belagavi, Shivamogga, Vijayapura, Hassan, Prayagraj etc.

The timeline for construction of airport projects depends upon several factors such as land acquisition, availability of mandatory clearances, financial closure, etc. by the Project Proponents.

(d): Ministry of Civil Aviation periodically reviews the progress of airport projects by holding meetings with the State Governments, airport developers and other stakeholders to ensure timely completion of the airport projects. AAI also internally reviews its Projects.
