

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION**  
**Rajya Sabha**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 657**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2nd December 2024**  
**EXPEDITING PENDING WORKS IN AIRPORTS OF TAMIL**  
**NADU**

**657. SHRI R. GIRIRAJAN**

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

- (a) whether Government has received any request letter or plea to expedite the execution of airports in Tamil Nadu viz., Parandur, Vellore airport, Hosur, Neyveli and make them operational, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the reason for the inordinate delay in starting the construction of Parandur airport and completion of work at Vellore and airports;**
- (c) the appropriate steps taken by Government to expedite the pending works in various airports in Tamil Nadu; and**
- (d) the approximate time by when the pending works at airports in Tamil Nadu will be completed?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (c): In August 2024, Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) granted Site Clearance approval for development of a Greenfield airport at Parandur, Kancheepuram District to the Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation Limited (TIDCO). Thereafter, application for grant of 'In Principle ' approval has been received from TIDCO.**

**For Vellore, Neyveli and Salem Airports, Rs. 55.19 crore, Rs. 15.38 crore and Rs. 27.31 crore, respectively have been allocated under the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik). Development works at all three airports have been**

**completed and RCS flights have also commenced operations from Salem.**

**In September 2024, a multi-disciplinary team comprising officials from the Airports Authority of India (AAI) and TIDCO visited Hosur to conduct a pre-feasibility study of four sites for the development of a Greenfield Airport. Further, details of upgradation/modernization work undertaken by AAI at its existing airports in Tamil Nadu along with the project cost are at Annexure-A. Regular monitoring of the progress of upgradation works and removal of bottlenecks in the operationalisation of airports, is done to ensure timely completion.**

**(d): The timelines for airport projects depends upon various factors such as land acquisition, mandatory clearances, removal of obstacles, financial closure etc. by the respective airport developers.**

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**ANNEXURE-A**

Statement referred to in reply to Rajya Sabha USQ No. 657 for answer on 02.12.2024

**Details of ongoing upgradation/modernisation works at AAI's Airports in Tamil Nadu**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Airport</b>	<b>Name of Work</b>	<b>Approved Cost (Rs. in Cr.)</b>
1	Chennai	(a) Modernisation of Chennai Airport (Phase-II).	2467.00
		(b) Reconstruction and strengthening of 'H' taxi track, 'E' taxi track for code 'E' aircraft operations, Construction of link taxi track from RET – M to 'H' taxi track in domestic apron, resurfacing of secondary runway and allied works.	53.66
		(c) Modification of Storm Water Drain in operational area.	209.10
		(d) Refurbishing of T1 & T4 for Capacity Enhancement.	81.80
2	Madurai	Construction of Technical block cum ATC Tower.	99.02
3	Trichy	Construction of New ATC Tower cum Technical Block & Utility/Service Block including Operation & Routine Maintenance and all Inclusive Comprehensive maintenance contract (AICMC).	80.17
4	Tuticorin	Extension of Runway With Blast Pad, RESA, Taxiway, Apron, GSE Area, Isolation Bay and miscellaneous Works.	357.00
		Construction of New Terminal Building, ATC Tower cum Technical Block, Fire Station and Associated works including Maintenance, Operation and AICMC at Tuticorin Airport.	