

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
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(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2nd December 2024)

DEVELOPMENT OF NEW AIRPORTS

669. SHRI ADITYA PRASAD

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government plans to develop additional airports in the country, particularly in the State of Jharkhand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the manner whereby expansion of the airport network will contribute to employment generation and boost commercial activities in the aviation sector, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) & (b) : GoI has accorded 'In-Principle' approval for setting up of 21 new Greenfield Airports 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 in Gujarat, Karaikal in Puducherry, Dagadarthi, Bhogapuram and Orvakal (Kurnool) in Andhra Pradesh, Durgapur in West Bengal, Pakyong in Sikkim, Kannur in Kerala and Itanagar (Hollongi) in Arunachal Pradesh across the country. Out of which, 12 Greenfield airports viz. Durgapur, Shirdi, Kannur, Pakyong, Kalaburagi, Orvakal (Kurnool), Sindhudurg, Kushinagar, Itanagar, Mopa, Shivamogga and Rajkot have become operational.

Further, 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. RCS-UDAN is a demand-driven scheme, wherein airline operators assess the feasibility of operation on a particular route and bid under the scheme from time to time. Selection of airlines is done through a transparent bidding process. In the State of Jharkhand, under RCS-UDAN, Jamshedpur, Deoghar, Bokaro and Dumka have been developed. Out of which, RCS flights have commenced operations from Deoghar and Jamshedpur airports.

(c): Airports have emerged as a nucleus of economic activities and have multiplier effect on the economy of the State. The linkage between the Civil Aviation Sector and Economic Growth is well recognised. International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) study shows that the air connectivity has an economic multiplier of 3.25 and employment multiplier of 6.1. Further, the development of airports in the Country are expected to significantly boost regional connectivity, stimulate economic growth, and enhance tourism.
