GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION **RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO : 173** (TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 17th March 2025)

NEED FOR INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AT BELAGAVI AIRPORT

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

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that inadequate infrastructure at Belagavi Airport is affecting passenger convenience and air traffic;

(b) if so, the details of the facilities available at present and the deficiencies identified and remedial measures taken for the same;

(c) whether Government proposes to enhance the airport infrastructure, such as, runway extension, terminal facilities and night landing capacity; and

(d) if so, the details of the proposed development plan, the timeline for its implementation and the estimated budget therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) IN RESPECT OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 173 FOR REPLY ON 17.03.2025 REGARDING "NEED FOR INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AT BELAGAVI AIRPORT" ASKED BY SHRI IRANNA KADADI

(a) to (d): Belagavi Airport is a domestic airport owned and operated by Airports Authority of India (AAI) and is suitable for the operation of Code 'C' type of aircraft. The airport currently has a terminal building with an area of 3600 sqm, capable of handling 0.8 Million Passengers Per Annum (MPPA) and a Peak Hour Passenger (PHP) capacity of 750 passengers. The total traffic handled during year 2023-24 at Belagavi Airport is 0.312 million Passengers. The apron at the airport has six parking bays (3 for A-320 aircraft and 3 for ATR-72 aircraft) and night landing facility is available at the airport.

In order to enhance passenger convenience and meet the growing air traffic demand, AAI in the year 2024, has undertaken the construction of a new terminal building at Belagavi Airport with an annual capacity of 3.5 MPPA and a PHP capacity of 2400 passengers. The new building will further enhance the passenger facilities like check-in counters, X-ray Baggage Inspection System (X-BIS) machines, aerobridges, conveyor belts in the Arrival Hall, and car parking. The estimated cost of the project is Rs.322.45 Crore.

The actual timelines for airport projects depend upon various factors such as land acquisition, mandatory clearances, removal of obstacles, financial closure etc. by the respective airport developers.