GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION **RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 1139** (TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10th March 2025)

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF AIRPORT IN UTTAR PRADESH

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

(a) the details of funds allocated, sanctioned and disbursed for the airport infrastructure development under CAPEX plan since 2019 particularly in the State of Uttar Pradesh, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) the State-wise data on the number of airports developed or modernized through Public- Private Partnership (PPP) mode under CAPEX plan and their economic impact;

(c) the mechanisms that are in place to monitor the progress and utilization of funds allocated for airport infrastructure development under CAPEX plan; and (d) whether Government is considering to expand the airport capacity and improving connectivity under the CAPEX program to more airports or regions, if so, details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (d): 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, expansion / 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 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.

Airports developed under Public Private Partnership (PPP) include brownfield airports of AAI, viz. Delhi, Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Lucknow, Mangaluru, Guwahati, Jaipur, Trivandrum and Greenfield airports viz. Cochin, Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Durgapur, Kannur, Mopa, Navi Mumbai, Noida (Jewar), Bhogapuram.

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 achievement of targeted physical and financial progress and expeditious completion of the airport projects. AAI and other airport operators also internally reviews their projects.

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.
