

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 2729
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 18th August 2025)**

CURRENT STATUS OF EXPANSION WORKS AT AIRPORTS

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

(a) the existing SOPs and safety policies in place for air travel and helicopter operations, whether any gaps have been identified in the existing safety regime and the steps that have been taken post the recent mishap to strengthen these protocols;

(b) the current status of expansion works at Chennai, Madurai, Coimbatore, Tiruchirappalli, Thoothukudi, and Salem airports, including budget allocations, project scope, expected completion timelines; and

(c) the reasons for exclusion of Madurai Airport-despite its significant tourism and economic potential - from the list of designated Points-of-Call under the ASEAN - India Air Transport Agreement, and the steps taken to include Madurai?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a): The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has established comprehensive Civil Aviation Regulations to ensure the safe operation and maintenance of aircraft. These regulations are continuously updated and aligned with international standards, including those of International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) and European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA). DGCA amends its regulations from time to time in accordance with ICAO standards.

DGCA has a structured surveillance and audit framework in place i.e. planned and unplanned surveillance of organization /aircraft, which includes regular and periodic audits, spot checks, night surveillance and ramp inspections across all operators, including continuous oversight of maintenance practices. In case there is a violation, DGCA takes enforcement action as per its Enforcement Policy and Procedure Manual.

(b): Details are at Annexure A.

(c): In the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Open Sky policy, 18 tourist destinations of India, namely Ahmedabad, Amritsar, Aurangabad, Bhubaneswar, Calicut, Cochin, Gaya, Goa, Guwahati, Jaipur, Khajuraho, Lucknow, Patna, Port Blair, Thiruvananthapuram, Tiruchirappalli, Varanasi and Vishakhapatnam are available as point of call for SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation)/ASEAN countries (except Pakistan and Afghanistan) as a one-time policy decision. No proposal regarding the inclusion of Madurai under the purview of the ASEAN Open Sky policy is under consideration in this Ministry.

Current status of expansion works at Chennai, Madurai, Coimbatore, Tiruchirappalli, Thoothukudi and Salem airports, including budget allocations, project scope, expected completion timelines

Chennai Airport

- Modernization of Chennai Airport Phase-II: AA & ES cost of Rs.2467 Cr.
 - Part-I - Terminal-2 operationalized.
 - Part-II - Terminal-3 work in progress, Probable Date of Completion (PDC) - June, 2026.
- Reconstruction and strengthening of 'H' Taxi Track, 'E' Taxi Track, construction of link Taxi Track from RET-M 'H' Taxi Track in Domestic Apron at a cost of 58.58 Cr. Probable Date of Completion (PDC) -Oct. 2025.
- Modification of Storm Water Drains in Operational Area at Chennai Airport. AA & ES cost of Rs.209.01 Cr. Probable Date of Completion (PDC) - Dec. 2025.
- Refurbishing of T1 & T4 for Capacity Enhancement at Chennai Airport at a cost of 81.8 Cr. Probable Date of Completion (PDC) – Nov. 2025.

Madurai Airport:

- Construction of New ATC Tower cum Technical block at Madurai Airport. Rs.99.01 Cr.
- Work completed on Jan-2025.

Coimbatore Airport:

- Construction of Pre-cast Operational/Non-operational boundary wall for the newly acquired land at Coimbatore International Airport.
- AA & ES Cost is 51.31 Cr. Work is in Progress and Probable date of completion (PDC) is Sept-2026.
- Terminal Building under planning stage.

Tiruchirappalli Airport:

- Upgradation of passenger Terminal Building and Air side facilities at Tiruchirappalli (Trichy) International Airport. SH: Construction of New Terminal Building, elevated road along-with associated electromechanical, airport system, IT works including comprehensive maintenance and operation (Package-I) AA & ES Cost 1112.49 Cr. Work completed on March-2024 and also terminal building operationalized.

Thoothukudi Airport:

- Development of Tuticorin Airport:
 - Extension of Runway with Blast Pad, RESA, Taxiway, Apron, GSE Area, Isolation Bay and miscellaneous Works.
 - Construction of New Terminal Building, ATC Tower cum Technical Block, Fire Station and Associated works including Maintenance, Operation and AICMC at Tuticorin Airport.
- AA & ES cost Rs.451.74 Cr. Work completed on June-2025. Runway Commissioned and Terminal Building operationalized.

Salem Airport

- Awaiting for land acquisition from State Government for expansion works at Salem Airport.