GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
**RAJYA SABHA**
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 2732**
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 18<sup>th</sup> August 2025)

**STATUS OF AIRPORTS IN TAMIL NADU**

2732.    SHRI R. DHARMAR

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

(a) whether Government has undertaken any survey regarding the status of airports within Tamil Nadu during the last five years and the current year;
(b) if so, the details of the list of operational airports at present within Tamil Nadu;
(c) the list of airports proposed to be built, under construction/upgradation along with the timeline proposed for their completion within Tamil Nadu during the said period;
(d) whether Government has undertaken any survey of areas having high potential for airport infrastructure and if so, the details thereof; and
(e) the amount of the funds allocated and utilised for the purpose of the said aviation projects?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

 (Shri Murlidhar Mohol)


(a) & (b): At present, there are six operational airports in Tamil Nadu, including three international airports at Chennai, Coimbatore and Tiruchirapalli, one Customs Notified Airport at Madurai and two domestic airports at Salem and Tuticorin.

(c): Government of India (GoI) has formulated a Greenfield Airports (GFA) Policy, 2008 for development of new Greenfield airports in the country. As per the policy, if any Airport developer including the State Government desires to develop an airport, they are required to identify a suitable site and get the Prefeasibility study conducted for construction of airport and submit a proposal to the Central Government for 'Site Clearance' followed by 'In-Principle' approval.

In April, 2025, Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) has granted  'In-Principle' approval for development of a Greenfield airport at Parandur, Kancheepuram District to the Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation Limited (TIDCO).

In Tamil Nadu, the Airports Authority of India (AAI) has undertaken the modernization of Chennai Airport, the construction of an ATC tower cum technical block at Tiruchirappalli Airport, and the construction of a boundary wall at Coimbatore Airport. The completion timeline for airport projects is dependent on multiple factors, including land acquisition, regulatory clearances, removal of obstacles, and financial closure by the respective airport developers.

(d) & (e): 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. The study report was shared with the State Government. However, no proposal under Greenfield Airports Policy has been received in MoCA for construction of a Greenfield Airport at Hosur.

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