

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
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AIRPORTS CURRENTLY UNDER DEVELOPMENT OR EXPANSION

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

- (a) the number of airports currently under development or expansion across the country;
- (b) the expected timeline for completion and operationalization of these airports; and
- (c) the number of such airports in the State of Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh, and new airports being developed in these two States, if any?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (c): Government of India (GoI) has formulated a Greenfield Airports (GFA) Policy, 2008 for development of Greenfield airports in the country. As per this policy, GoI has accorded "In-Principle" approval for setting up of 24 Greenfield Airports across the country, namely, Puri in Odisha, Parandur in Tamil Nadu, Kota in Rajashtan, 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 Rajkot (Hirasar) in Gujarat, Karaikal in Puducherry, Dagadarthi, Bhogapuram and Oravakal (Kurnool) in Andhra Pradesh, Durgapur in West Bengal, Pakyong in Sikkim, Kannur in Kerala and Itanagar in Arunachal Pradesh.

Out of these, 12 Greenfield airports viz. Durgapur, Shirdi, Kannur, Pakyong, Kalaburagi, Orvakal (Kurnool), Sindhudurg, Kushinagar, Itanagar, Mopa, Shivamogga and Rajkot (Hirasar) have been operationalised.

The expansion and upgradation of airports is a continuous process and is undertaken by the Airport Operators 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.

In the State of Andhra Pradesh, the Airports Authority of India (AAI) has undertaken the construction of a New Integrated Terminal Building with apron and allied works at Vijayawada Airport, construction of ATC tower cum technical block at Tirupati Airport, construction of a new Departure Terminal Building and associated works at Kaddapa Airport and construction of a new Terminal Building and allied works at Rajahmundry Airport. In Gujarat, AAI has undertaken the development of a Greenfield Airport at Dholera.

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.
