

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 30
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21st July 2025)**

STATUS OF DHOLERA AIRPORT PROJECT

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

- (a) whether the Dholera International Airport project in Ahmedabad district is on schedule for completion by December, 2025, if not, whether any extension of the timeline is being considered;
- (b) the present status of the 11 new greenfield airports and expansion of the existing 9 airports based on the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the State Government of Gujarat and the Airport Authority of India (AAI), along with their estimated budget and expected timelines for completion and operationalization;
- (c) the current progress on land acquisition for these airports, in detail, region-wise; and
- (d) whether there have been any delays or challenges for land acquisition and related clearances?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a): The expected date of completion of Dholera Greenfield Airport project is December, 2025.

(b) to (d): 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 Pre-feasibility Study conducted for construction of airport and submit a proposal to the Central Government for 'Site Clearance' followed by 'In-Principle' approval.

State Government of Gujarat (GoG) has identified 11 Sites namely, Morbi, Dhordo, Rajpipla, Dahod, Dwarka, Palitana, Botad, Rajula, Ankleshwar, Ambaji and Dholavira for development of new Greenfield Airports. Airports Authority of India (AAI) received request for Pre-Feasibility Studies only for 8 sites identified

by the State Government as per Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between GoG and AAI.

As per Pre-Feasibility Study 5 (five) sites i.e Morbi, Dhordo, Rajpipla, Dahod & Dwarka were found feasible and 3 sites i.e Palitana, Botad & Rajula were not found feasible. Request for conducting Pre-Feasibility Studies for the remaining sites at Ankleshwar, Ambaji, & Dholavira has not been received by AAI from the GoG.

As regards existing 9 Airports/Airstrips in Gujarat, 6 Airports are with AAI and 3 Airstrips belongs to GoG. Out of the 6 AAI's airports in Gujarat, additional land has been received only for Keshod Airport from State Government.

In respect of 3 airstrips of GoG, a Pre-Feasibility study was undertaken for Amreli and it was not found feasible for expansion. Request for undertaking Pre-Feasibility Studies at remaining 2 (two) sites at Mehsana & Mandvi has not been received from GoG.
