

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 814
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 28th July 2025)**

EXPANSION OF PUDUCHERRY AIRPORT

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that there is a proposal for expansion of the Puducherry airport;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the land survey had been completed and the quantum of land required for expansion;
- (d) the extent of land falling in Puducherry and the adjoining State of Tamil Nadu; and
- (e) considering the financial crisis faced by Government of Puducherry, does the Central Government come forward to grant funds for acquisition of land to expand the airport?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (e): The existing airport at Puducherry has a runway with an orientation of 07/25 and dimensions of 1502m x 30m, which is suitable for operation of ATR-72/Q-400 type aircraft. Owing to technical and economic considerations, the Government of Puducherry requested the Airports Authority of India (AAI) to explore a fresh plan for expansion of Puducherry Airport involving a change in runway orientation. As per the revised Master Plan, which aims to facilitate operations of A-320 type aircraft under Instrument Flight Rules (IFR), with a proposed runway orientation of 09/27 and dimensions of 2300 m x 45 m, the Airports Authority of India (AAI) has projected a total additional land requirement of 402 acres - comprising 217 acres in Tamil Nadu and 185 acres in Puducherry.

The Obstacle Limitation Surfaces (OLS) Survey has been conducted, and AAI has initiated the process of engaging a consultant for preparation of the Land Plan Schedule (LPS).

As per the provisions of the National Civil Aviation Policy, 2016, the

responsibility for providing land required for development of airports, free of cost and free from all encumbrances, rests with the respective State Government/Union Territory Administration.
