

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 191**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2nd February 2026  
**AIRPORT IN ERODE, TAMIL NADU**

191. SHRI ANTHIYUR P. SELVARASU

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that Erode district, in the State of Tamil Nadu does not have an airport of its own and a large number of residents depend mainly on Salem airport and Coimbatore airport for air travel, which affects ease of access for students, patients, workers and business travellers;
- (b) if so, the details of demand assessment undertaken regarding passenger movement from Erode district and constraints faced due to dependence on nearby airports; and
- (c) the steps proposed to strengthen aviation access for Erode district through route expansion, passenger facilitation and improved ground connectivity support?

**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 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.

According to the GFA Policy, a Greenfield airport is generally not permitted within an aerial distance of 150 km of an existing civilian airport. Both Salem and Coimbatore airports are situated within this 150 km radius of Erode. However, the Government may consider exceptions on a case-to-case basis after examination of its impact on the existing airports.

As of date, the Ministry of Civil Aviation has not received any formal proposal from the State Government of Tamil Nadu or any private developer seeking 'Site Clearance' or 'In-Principle' approval for a Greenfield airport in Erode.

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