

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
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CURRENT STATUS OF AIRPORTS OPERATED BY AAI

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

- (a) the current status of modernization of airports operated by the Airports Authority of India (AAI);
- (b) whether Government has set any target for construction of new greenfield airports by the year 2030; and
- (c) the concrete steps taken to manage crowds at airports in major metropolitan cities in view of the growing number of passengers?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) Expansion and modernization of airports is carried out by Airports Authority of India (AAI) and other airport operators based on passenger demand, operational requirements and airline demand. Such development works are carried out in phases, subject to availability of land, financial viability and operational considerations at airports including Chennai, Jammu, Udaipur, Leh, Hubballi, Belagavi, Agra, Bagdogra, Darbhanga, Varanasi, Bihta and Keshod.

(b) Government of India (GoI) has formulated a Greenfield Airports (GFA) Policy, 2008 for development of Greenfield airports in the country. As per this policy, Gol has accorded "In-Principle" approval for setting up of 25 Greenfield Airports across the country. Out of these, 13 Greenfield airports have been operationalized. As per the GFA Policy, the responsibility for implementation of the Greenfield airport projects including land acquisition, R&R, funding, obtaining environment clearances etc. lies with the airport developer concerned or the State Government, as the case may be. The timeline for completion of the airport projects depends upon many factors such as land acquisition, availability of mandatory clearances, financial closure etc.

(c) At airports with higher passenger traffic, including major metropolitan airports, (crowd management is addressed through a combination of operational and infrastructural measures aligned with passenger demand and traffic patterns. Measures such as deployment of additional X-ray baggage inspection systems (X-BIS), optimisation of passenger flow through flexible use of terminal areas including swing operations, and coordination with airlines for rationalisation of flight schedules during peak periods are adopted, as required, to facilitate smooth passenger movement.
