

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 966
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 9th February 2026

AIRPORT EXPANSION

966. **SHRI AYODHYA RAMI REDDY ALLA**

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

- (a) the manner in which the Dagadarthi airport's strategic location near Krishnapatnam and Ramayapatnam ports will redefine Andhra Pradesh's logistics and trade ecosystem, and the implications this will have on the State's economic growth;
- (b) the manner in which the Andhra Pradesh Airports Development Corporation Limited (APADCL) will ensure transparency and accountability in utilizing the Rs. 54 crore fund allocated for land acquisition; and
- (c) the expected return on investment for the Rs. 1,000 crore project, and the manner in which Government will ensure that benefits of the airport reaches to the local community

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. Under the policy, GoI has granted 'In-Principle' approval to State Government of Andhra Pradesh (GoAP) in 2016 for construction of Greenfield Airport at Dagadarthi (Nellore) in Andhra Pradesh. As per the Policy, the responsibility for implementation of the Greenfield airport projects including land acquisition, R&R, funding etc. lies with the concerned airport developer or the State Government, as the case may be.

Airports have emerged as a nucleus of economic activities and have multiplier effect on the economy of the State. The linkage between the Civil Aviation Sector and Economic Growth is well recognised. International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) study shows that the air connectivity has an economic multiplier of 3.25 and employment multiplier of 6.1. Similar impact to the local communities, state and national economy is expected after operationalization of Dagadarthi airport.
