

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1610
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3rd August 2026

PROPOSALS FOR NEW AIRPORTS IN SOUTHERN TAMIL NADU

1610. SHRI I.S. INBADURAI

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

- (a) whether the Central Government proposes to establish new airports in southern Tamil Nadu, if so, the details thereof and current status of proposals under consideration by Government;
- (b) whether any feasibility studies have been conducted to identify suitable locations for new airports in southern district, if so, the details thereof and criteria adopted for site selection; and
- (c) whether the Central Government has sought proposals from State Government for identifying potential airport sites in southern Tamil Nadu, if so, the details thereof and the response received thereon?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): As per Greenfield Airports (GFA) Policy, 2008, 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 Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) for 'Site Clearance' followed by 'In-Principle' approval.

On the request of State Government of Tamil Nadu, AAI conducted Pre-Feasibility study of two proposed sites for development of a Greenfield airport at Ramanathapuram, in the Southern part of Tamil Nadu and the report was submitted to the State Government in January, 2026.

As per the GFA Policy, the responsibility for implementation of the Greenfield airport projects including land acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement, funding, obtaining environment clearances etc. lies with the airport developer concerned or the State Government, as the case may be.
