

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2402
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10th August 2026
GREENFIELD AIRPORT IN RAMESWARAM

2402. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA

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

- (a) the current status of proposed Greenfield airport in Rameswaram;
- (b) whether the site for the said airport has been finalized, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of the expected timeline for the completion and operationalization of the project along with expenditure?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): As per the 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 the State Government of Tamil Nadu (GoTN), Airports Authority of India (AAI) conducted Pre-Feasibility study of two proposed sites for development of a Greenfield airport at Ramanathapuram, Tamil Nadu and sent the report to GoTN 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 mandatory clearances etc. lies with the airport developer concerned or the State Government, as the case may be.
