

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 39

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20th July 2026

**GREENFIELD AIRPORTS AND EXPANSION OF INFRASTRUCTURE
IN MAHARASHTRA AND GUJARAT**

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

- (a) whether the Central Government has received any proposal from Government of Maharashtra and Gujrat regarding land acquisition, site clearance and other statutory approvals for the proposed greenfield airports;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of examination by Government;
- (c) the details of assistance provided under the Regional Connectivity Scheme (UDAN) for strengthening aviation infrastructure and regional air connectivity in the States of Maharashtra and Gujarat; and
- (d) whether Government proposes to establish additional airports and aviation facilities in Maharashtra and Gujarat to cater to the growing passenger and cargo traffic in these States?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Proposal seeking 'Site Clearance' as per Greenfield Airports (GFA) Policy for development of a Greenfield Airport in Gujarat has not been received.

Proposal for reinstating the 'Site Clearance', granted earlier to Maharashtra Airport Development Company Limited (MADC) for development of International Greenfield airport at Site 1A of Purandar, Pune, Maharashtra has been received. Comments received from Airports Authority of India (AAI), Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and Ministry of Defence (MoD) have been sent to MADC. A Technical Committee comprising of representatives of AAI and Indian Air Force (IAF) has been constituted to examine the technical and operational issues relating to grant of NOC by MoD.

(c): In Maharashtra, Airports at Kolhapur, Jalgaon, Nanded, Nashik, Gondia, Sindhudurg, Amravati and Sholapur have been developed and operationalised connecting 115 routes under the UDAN Scheme at a CAPEX of approximately Rs. 684.69 crore. Development of Ratnagiri Airport has been undertaken by MADC.

In Gujarat, Airports at Bhavnagar, Porbandar, Jamnagar, Mundra, Kandla, Keshod and Water Aerodromes at Sabarmati River Front and Statue of Unity have been developed and operationalised connecting 79 routes under the UDAN Scheme at a CAPEX of approximately Rs. 225.52 crore.

(d): The expansion and development of airport infrastructure is a continuous process, undertaken by AAI and other airport operators/developers based on traffic demand, availability of land, commercial viability, socio-economic considerations, willingness of airlines to operate etc.
