

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 802

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 27th July 2026

DEVELOPING GREENFIELD AIRPORTS IN MAHARASHTRA

802. SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK

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

- (a) whether Government has assessed the need for developing greenfield airports in underserved regions of the State of Maharashtra, particularly in Vidarbha and Marathwada;
- (b) the details of proposals received from the State Government during the last three years;
- (c) whether financial assistance has been extended for airport infrastructure and air navigation facilities; and
- (d) the expected socio-economic benefits, including employment generation and tourism promotion, arising out of these proposed projects?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): As per the Greenfield Airports (GFA) Policy, 2008, if any airport developer including a State Government desires to develop a Greenfield airport, they are required to identify a suitable site and get the Pre-feasibility Study conducted and submit a proposal to the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) for 'Site Clearance' followed by 'In-Principle' approval.

Proposal seeking 'Site Clearance' under GFA Policy for development of Greenfield Airports in Vidarbha and Marathwada regions of Maharashtra has not been received. However, a proposal seeking reinstatement of 'Site Clearance' granted earlier to Maharashtra Airport Development Company Limited (MADC) for development of an International Greenfield airport at Site 1A of Purandar, Pune, Maharashtra has been received. Issues relating to technical and operational challenges in this regard have been conveyed to MADC.

(c) As per GFA Policy, the responsibility of implementation of airport projects including funding rests with the airport developer concerned.

(d): 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. Development of airports lead to increase in passenger movements, tourism development, employment generation and augmentation in circle rates of land valuation leading to enhanced collection of various taxes/stamp duties etc. An International

Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) study shows that the air connectivity has an economic multiplier of 3.25 and employment multiplier of 6.1.
