

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2712  
(To be answered on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016)**

**EXPANSION/MODERNISATION OF AIRPORTS**

2712. **SHRI M. MURALI MOHAN  
SHRI B. SANGUTTUVAN**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानतल मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) whether the Government has agreed for proposal for the expansion of Rajahmundry airport to facilitate the landing of the bigger aircraft, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the estimated cost of the project for expansion, construction of new terminal, land acquisition works and the financial assistance thereto from Union Government;
- (c) whether any timeline has been fixed to complete the same, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to make Rajahmundry airport an international airport;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (f) whether the Government has undertaken the work of expansion/modernisation of Chennai airport to increase its passenger handling capacity and provide additional amenities at the airport; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated released and spent for the purpose so far by the Government?

**ANSWER**

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानतल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री**

**(Shri Jayant Sinha)**

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(a) to (c) : Yes, Madam. Airports Authority of India (AAI) has commenced work for the expansion of Rajahmundry Airport for operation of wide bodied aircraft (AB-320) by May, 2018 at an estimated cost of Rs.181.45 crore. Government of Andhra Pradesh has handed over 857.09 acres land free of cost to AAI for expansion of the Airport.

(d) & (e) : No, Madam. No such proposal at present.

(f) & (g): Yes, Madam. AAI has undertaken the work for the expansion/modernisation of Chennai Airport to enhance the Terminal Building capacity to 30 million passengers per annum and to provide additional amenities like multilevel mechanised car parking to handle 2000 cars, Metro Rail connectivity etc. at an estimated cost of Rs.2587 crore. AAI has allocated a budget provision of Rs.3.00 crore in RE 2016-17 and Rs.25.00 crore in BE 2017-18.