

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
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Investment in Development of Airports

6230. SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether there is need to construct more airports to handle an additional 500-600 million passengers by 2030, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether 55 new airports that are estimated to be required by 2030 would need 150,000 to 200,000 acres of land to be allocated for their development, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether all of this would require US\$ 36-45 billion of investment, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether US\$ 45 billion investment number assumes that the Government would give land for airport development at subsidized rates and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a): Yes, Madam. At present, the terminal capacity at all Indian airports is 334 million passengers per annum (MPPA) as against the demand of 265 million passengers during the year 2016-17. So far, Government of India (GoI), Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) has granted 'in principle' approval for setting up of 19 Greenfield Airports across the country namely Mopa in Goa, Navi Mumbai, Shirdi and Sindhudurg in Maharashtra, Bijapur, Gulbarga, Hasan and Shimoga in Karnataka, Kannur in Kerala, Durgapur in West Bengal, Dabra in Madhya Pradesh, Pakyong in Sikkim, Karaikal in Pudducherry, Kushinagar in Uttar Pradesh, Dholera in Gujarat, Dagadarthi Mendal, Nellore Dist., Bhogapuram in Vizianagaram District near Visakhapatnam and Oravakallu in Kurnool District, Andhra Pradesh and Hirasar, District Rajkot, Gujarat. In addition, GoI has granted "site clearance" approval for setting up of another 7 Greenfield airports.

(b) to (d): No such assessment has been made by the Government. However, a comprehensive aviation capacity expansion program, NABH (NextGen Airports for Bharat) Nirman, as announced in the Union Budget 2018, is intended to develop sufficient airport and air space capacity. NABH Nirman, a multi-year program, envisages to expand India's aviation capacity over five times to serve a billion passenger trips a year. This program includes overall passenger growth projections, detailed passenger forecasts for all major airports, new regulatory approaches for greenfield and brownfield airports, collaborative urban and land planning frameworks with various states, and necessary financing to build out aviation capacity. Various experts have estimated that aviation capacity expansion to reach a billion trips will require between Rs. 3 lakh crores and 4 lakh crores. Airport investments are required in both commercially viable major airports, minor airports operated as a public service and wide range of other landing facilities such as no-frills airports, helipads, and water-based ports for seaplanes. Significant investments are also required in managing air space and in digitizing air traffic management.
