

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. : 22
(To be answered on the 19th July 2018)**

UPGRADATION OF AIRPORTS

***22. SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G.
SHRI R. GOPALAKRISHNAN**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that many of the airports maintained by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) handle fliers way beyond their sanctioned capacity leading to chaos on the ground and sky as well and if so, the details thereof, airport-wise;
- (b) whether the Government plans for upgradation of a few and selective airports in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons/criteria for selecting a few airports only;
- (d) the steps being taken by AAI to upgrade the airports to meet the growing and future challenges; and
- (e) the time by which the upgradation work would be completed?

ANSWER

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
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(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in reply to parts (a) to (e) of the Starred (*) Question No. 22 for answer on 19.07.2018 regarding 'Upgradation of Airports'

(a): At present, in aggregate, AAI airports have the capacity to handle 15.5 crore passengers per year. In the financial year 2017-18, AAI airports handled 13.6 crore passengers. Some airports of the Airports Authority of India (AAI), such as Bagdogra, Patna and Pune, are facing congestion during certain periods of the day, when the flow of passengers shoots up and exceeds the existing capacity of the airport terminals.

(b) to (e): As a part of the NABH Nirman airport capacity expansion programme, the Government of India has proposed to increase the capacity of airports by 4 to 5 times to handle a billion passenger trips per year over the next next 10 to 15 years. To meet the demand, AAI has embarked upon a Capital Expenditure (CAPEX) plan of Rs. 20,000 crores in next 4 years for development / modernisation / upgradation of terminal buildings of AAI airports in the country including Calicut, Port Blair, Agartala, Guwahati, Chennai, Lucknow, Dehradun, Jaipur, Srinagar, Tiruchirapalli, Pune, Patna, Jabalpur, Vijayawada, Leh, Agra and Kolhapur. Development / upgradation of airports is a continuous process and is undertaken by Airports Authority of India (AAI) from time to time depending on the availability of land, commercial viability, socio-economic considerations, traffic demand / willingness of airlines to operate to/from such airports.
