

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 3861
(To be answered on the 9th August 2018)**

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AT AIRPORTS

3861. SHRI R. GOPALAKRISHNAN

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Airports Authority of India (AAI) plans for massive infrastructure development of airports in the country in the coming years involving thousands of crores of expenditure;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the AAI has identified a few select airports only for such infrastructure development;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the AAI has identified Madurai airport for infrastructure development; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) to (d): 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 10 to 15 years. 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 crore and 4 lakh crore. To meet the demand, Airports Authority of India (AAI) has embarked upon a Capital Expenditure (CAPEX) plan of Rs. 20,000 crore in next 4 years for development / modernisation / upgradation 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.

(e) & (f): Development of Infrastructure at airports is a continuous process, which is undertaken by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) from time to time depending upon the commercial viability, traffic demand, availability of land etc. AAI has taken action for expansion of existing terminal building , extension of apron and construction of new Control Tower/Technical Block at Madurai Airport.
