

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1045
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 27th June 2019)

INCREASE IN AIR TRAFFIC

1045. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI
Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been heavy increase in air traffic at Indian airports in recent years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years;
- (c) whether it has put pressure on infrastructure of airports; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to strengthen the infrastructure of airports especially in Maharashtra and Rajasthan?

ANSWER

Minister of State (IC) in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार) (Shri Hardeep Singh Puri)

- (a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The passenger traffic at Indian airports has registered a growth of 18.3%, 16.5% and 11.6% during the years 2016-17, 2017-18, and 2018-19 respectively.
- (c) & (d): Yes, Sir. The growing traffic demand has its own pressure on the existing airport infrastructure. In order to meet the growing demand, the airport operators including the Airports Authority of India (AAI) undertake upgradation/ modernisation of airports 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 etc. AAI has embarked upon a Capital Expenditure (CAPEX) plan of Rs. 25,000 crores over a period of 5 years for development/modernization/upgradation of its airport infrastructures in the country including Jaipur, Jodhpur and Udaipur in Rajasthan and Kolhapur and Pune in Maharashtra.
