

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2635
(To be answered on the 22nd December 2022)**

MANUFACTURING OF PASSENGER AIRCRAFT

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has any roadmap to make India a suitable destination for the global manufacturers to manufacture passenger aircraft in the country;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to create Special Economic Zones or Aviation Corridor on the lines of Defence corridor to manufacture passenger aircraft in West Bengal;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has framed any policy or scheme to provide incentives to domestic manufacturers to manufacture low-cost aircraft under Make in India Campaign and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

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(a): The extant policy enables domestic manufacturing of aircraft. The Government has been promoting and facilitating the manufacturing of aircraft, including a Regional Transport Aircraft, and associated equipment by public and private enterprises in India. Hindustan -228 (Upgraded) civil aircraft developed by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) is a 19 seater turbo prop passenger aircraft suitable for regional connectivity. HAL has also entered into MoU with Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) - National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL) for Design, Development and Certification of 19 seat Light Transport Aircraft - SARAS MKII and subsequent Production, Marketing and Lifestyle Maintenance of the aircraft.

(b) and (c): No proposal to create Special Economic Zones or Aviation Corridor on the lines of Defence corridor to manufacture Passenger aircraft in West Bengal has been received in the Ministry.

(d) and (e): National Civil Aviation Policy, 2016 seeks to promote the growth of Indian aviation sector in a significant manner. The aim is to develop an entire ecosystem for the harmonized growth of various aviation subsectors i.e. Airlines, Airports, Cargo, Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) services, General Aviation, Aerospace Manufacturing, Skill Development etc.
