

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 649**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09<sup>th</sup> December, 2022

**MODERNIZATION OF AIR FIELD INFRASTRUCTURE**

649. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to launch any scheme to modernize the air field infrastructure in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has made any provision of funds for the said scheme, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has signed any agreement in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

(a) & (b): The Government of India has undertaken modernization of the defence airfield infrastructure of the country in two phases. Modernisation of airfield infrastructure is aimed at enhancing the capability in terms of facilitating operation in poor weather conditions including night operations, enhanced enroute navigation infrastructure and enhanced traffic handling capabilities.

(c): The budgetary allocation made for modernising airfields under Phase-I was Rs. 1,215.35 Crore and Phase-II is Rs. 1,187.17 Crore.

(d) & (e): Ministry of Defence has signed two contracts for Modernisation of Air Field Infrastructure (MAFI) – MAFI Phase-I was signed on 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2011 for modernization of 30 Indian Air Force Airfields which has been completed. MAFI Phase-II was signed on 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 for modernization of another 37 airfields, which is under progress.

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