GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
Lok Sabha
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(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 27th July 2023)

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW AIRPORTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

(a) the policy for setting up airports in the country along with the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has proposed to construct new airports in the country and if so, the details thereof State-wise including at Karakat, Bhagalpur, Sasaram in Bihar, Dhanbad in Jharkhand, Saharanpur in Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and North Eastern States;

(c) whether the Government proposes to construct 100 new international airports in the country to ease traffic congestion and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether adequate budgetary allocation has been made to complete these projects on a definite timeline and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to encourage private investment in the construction of new airports and if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether any domestic airport has been identified to be upgraded as international airport and if so, the details thereof; and

(g) whether the Government would consider the proposal of those States whose proposals have not been received yet and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

(a) & (b): Government of India (GoI) has formulated a Greenfield Airports (GFA) Policy, 2008 for development of new Greenfield airports in the country. As per the policy, if any developer including the State Government desires to develop an airport, they are required to identify a suitable site and get the Pre-feasibility Study conducted for construction of airport and submit a proposal to the Central Government for 'Site Clearance' followed by 'In-Principle' approval. ;

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GoI has accorded 'In-Principle' approval for setting up of 21 new Greenfield Airports namely, Mopa in Goa, Navi Mumbai, Shirdi and Sindhudurg in Maharashtra, Kalaburagi, Vijayapura, Hassan and Shivamogga in Karnataka, Dabra (Gwalior) in Madhya Pradesh, Kushinagar and Noida (Jewar) in Uttar Pradesh, Dholera and Hirasar in Gujarat, Karaikal in Puducherry, Dagadarthi, Bhogapuram and Orvakal (Kurnool) in Andhra Pradesh, Durgapur in West Bengal, Pakyong in Sikkim, Kannur in Kerala and Hollongi (Itanagar) in Arunachal Pradesh across the country. Out of these, 11 Greenfield airports viz. Durgapur, Shirdi, Kannur, Pakyong, Kalaburagi, Orvakal (Kurnool), Sindhudurg, Kushinagar, Itanagar, Mopa and Shivamogga have been operationalised.;;

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Besides, Ministry of Civil Aviation has also launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) on 21-10-2016 to stimulate regional air connectivity and making air

travel affordable to the masses. An airport which is included in the awarded routes of UDAN and requires upgradation / development for commencement of RCS operations, is developed under "Revival/upgradation of unserved and underserved airports/heliports/water aerodromes" Scheme. Under the scheme, the unserved & underserved airports/airstrips, are identified/awarded all over the country including in the States of Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and North Eastern States for revival/development and to operate UDAN flights. Till date, 74 airports (including heliports, water aerodromes & greenfield airports) have been operationalised across the country under UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) since inception of the UDAN Scheme in 2016. State wise list of airports operationalised/revived under RCS is at Annexure.

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(c) & (d): Out of the abovementioned 21 Greenfield Airports, Government of India has accorded 'in-principle' approval for setting up 7 greenfield airports as international airports namely Mopa in Goa, Navi Mumbai in Maharashtra, Karaikal in Puducherry, Jewar (Noida) in Uttar Pradesh, Dholera and Hirasar in Gujarat and Bhogapuram in Andhra Pradesh. Out of these 7 airports, Airports Authority of India (AAI) has undertaken development of two airports namely Hirasar and Dholera at a total project cost of Rs.1405 crore and Rs.1305 crore respectively from its own resources. Financing of the remaining greenfield airport projects is the responsibility of concerned airport developers. Further, timeline for completion of the airport projects depends upon many factors such as land acquisition, availability of mandatory clearances, financial closure, etc.;

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(e) Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) has taken various steps to attract investments from private investors for development of airport infrastructure in the country including Greenfield Airports. 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Greenfield and Brownfield airport projects under the FDI Policy has been permitted. MoCA has granted 'in principle' approval to various State Governments, who have undertaken development of Greenfield Airports under Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode with private investment including

Kannur in Kerala (Rs 2342 crore), Durgapur in West Bengal (Rs 670 crore), Mopa in Goa (Rs 3400 crore), Navi Mumbai (Rs 19646 crore) and Sindhudurg (Rs 520 crore) in Maharashtra, Bhogapuram in Andhra Pradesh (Rs 2500 crore) and Noida (Jewar) (Rs 10056 crore) in Uttar Pradesh.

(f): Upgradation of airports as international airport is undertaken by Airports Authority of India (AAI) and concerned airport operators from time to time depending upon commercial viability, traffic demand, availability of land etc. Since 2014, 4 airports namely Tirupati, Vijayawada, Kushinagar and Mopa Airports have been declared as International Airports. With this, the number of international airports have increased to 30.
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(g): Government of India, Ministry of Civil Aviation has formulated a Greenfield Airports Policy, 2008 for development of Greenfield Airports across the country. An applicant proposing to set up an airport has to submit an application in the prescribed format to the Steering Committee for 'site clearance' and 'in principle' approval. Thereafter the applicant has to develop the airport as per schedule.

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List of 74 RCS Airports operationalized
(Total 74 Nos. including 19 Underserved and 55 Unserved airports)

S No.	State	Airport	Owner	Date of Operationalisation
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Kadapa (Underserved)(Round-1)	AAI	27-April-2017
2.		Kurnool (Unserved) (Round-3)	AP Airports Dev. Corp. Ltd	28-march 2021
3.	Assam	Jorhat (Underserved)(Round-2)	IAF(CE-AAI)	1-Aug-2018
4.		Lilabari (Underserved)(Round-2)	AAI	15-Jan-2019
5.		Tezpur (Underserved)(Round-2)	IAF(CE-AAI)	26-April-2018
6.		Rupsi (Unserved) (Round-2)	AAI	8-may 2021
7.	Arunachal Pradesh	Tezu (Unserved) (Round-2)	AAI	15 August 2021
8.		Passighat (Unserved) (Round-2)	IAF	24-May 2021
9.		Hollongi (Unserved) (Round-4.3)	AAI	15-Jan-2023
10.	Bihar	Darbhanga (Unserved) (Round-2)	IAF(CE-AAI)	08-Nov-2020
11.	Chhattisgarh	Jagdalpur (Unserved) (Round-1)	State Govt.	14-June-2018
12.		Bilaspur (Unserved) (Round-1)	State Govt.	1-March-2021
13.	Daman & Diu	Diu (Underserved)(Round-1)	AAI	24-Feb-2018
14.	Gujarat	Bhavnagar (Underserved)(Round-1)	AAI	1-May-2018
15.		Jamnagar (Underserved)(Round-1)	IAF (CE-AAI)	17-Feb-2018
16.		Kandla (Unserved) (Round-1)	AAI	1-July-2017
17.		Keshod (Unserved) (Round-2)	AAI	16-Apr-2022
18.		Mundra (Unserved) (Round-1)	Private	17-Feb-2018
19.		Porbandar (Underserved)(Round-1)	AAI	10-July-2017
20.		Statue of Unity (W) (Unserved) (Round-3)	State Govt.	31-Oct-2020
21.		Sabarmati River Front (W) (Unserved) (Round-3)	State Govt.	31-Oct-2020
22.	Haryana	Hissar (Unserved) (Round-2)	State Govt.	14-Jan-2021
23.	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla (Unserved) (Round-1)	AAI	27-April-2017
24.		Kullu (Underserved)	AAI	13-May-2019
25.		Mandi – **Heliport** (Unserved) (Round-2)	State Govt.	09-Dec-2021
26.		Rampur – **Heliport** (Unserved) (Round-2)	State Govt.	14-Dec-2021
27.	Jharkhand	Deoghar (Unserved) (Round-4.1)	AAI-Jharkhand (JV)	12-July-2022
28.		Jamshedpur (Unserved) (Round-1)	TATA Steel Ltd.	31-Jan-2023
29.	Karnataka	Belgaum (Underserved)(Round-3)	AAI	1-May-2019
30.		Hubli (Underserved)(Round-2)	AAI	14-May-2018
31.		Mysore (Unserved) (Round-1)	AAI	2-Sep-2017
32.		Vidyanagar (Unserved) (Round-1)	Private	21-Sep-2017
33.		Kalaburgi (Gulbarga) (Unserved) (Round-3)	State Govt.	22-Nov-2019
34.		Bidar (Unserved) (Round-1)	IAF(CE-SG)	07-Feb-2020
35.	Kerala	Kannur (Unserved) (Round-2)	Private (KIAL)	25-Jan-2019
36.	Madhya Pradesh	Gwalior (Underserved)(Round-1)	IAF (CE-AAI)	31-May-2017
37.	Maharashtra	Gondia (Unserved) (Round-4)	AAI	13-March-2022
38.		Jalgaon (Unserved) (Round-1)	AAI	23-Dec-2017

S No.	State	Airport	Owner	Date of Operationalisation
39.		Kolhapur (Unserved) (Round-1)	AAI	8-April-2018
40.		Nanded (Unserved) (Round-1)	MIDC	27-April-2017
41.		Ozar (Nasik) (Unserved) (Round-1)	HAL	23-Dec-2017
42.		Sindhudurg (Unserved) (Round-3)	State Govt.	9-October -2021
43.	Meghalaya	Shillong (Underserved)(Round-1)	AAI	26-April-2018
44.	Nagaland	Dimapur (Underserved)(Round-3)	AAI	07-Dec-2019
45.	Odisha	Jharsuguda (Unserved) (Round-1)	AAI	22-Sep-2018
46.		Jeypore (Unserved) (Round-1)	State Govt.	03-Aug-2022
47.		Rourkela (Unserved) (Round-1)	SAIL	07-Jan-2023
48.	Pondicherry (UT)	Pondicherry (Underserved)(Round-1)	AAI	16-Aug-2017
49.	Punjab	Adampur (Unserved) (Round-1)	IAF(CE-AAI)	1-May-2018
50.		Bhatinda (Unserved) (Round-1)	IAF(CE-AAI)	27-April-2017
51.		Ludhiana (Unserved) (Round-1)	AAI	2-Sep-2017
52.		Pathankot (Unserved) (Round-1)	IAF(CE-AAI)	5-April-2018
53.	Rajasthan	Bikaner (Unserved) (Round-1)	IAF(CE-AAI)	26-Sep-2017
54.		Jaisalmer (Unserved) (Round-1)	IAF(CE-AAI)	29-Oct-2017
55.		Kishangarh (Unserved) (Round-2)	AAI	8-Oct-2018
56.	Sikkim	Pakyong (Unserved) (Round-2)	AAI	4-Oct-2018
57.	Tamil Nadu	Salem (Unserved) (Round-1)	AAI	25-Mar-2018
58.	Uttar Pradesh	Agra (Underserved)(Round-1)	IAF(CE-AAI)	8-Dec-2017
59.		Allahabad (Underserved)(Round-2)	IAF(CE-AAI)	14-June-2018
60.		Kanpur(Chakeri) (Unserved) (Round-1)	IAF(CE-AAI)	3-July-2018
61.		Hindon (Unserved) (Round-2)	IAF(CE-AAI)	11-Oct-2019
62.		Bareilly (Unserved) (Round-2)	IAF(CE-AAI)	08-Mar-2021
63.		Kushinagar (Unserved) (Round-3)	AAI	26-Nov-2021
64.	Uttarakhand	Pantnagar (Underserved)(Round-1)	AAI	4-Jan-2019
65.		Pithoragarh (Unserved) (Round-2)	State Govt.	17-Jan-2019
66.		Sahastradhara - **Heliport**(Unserved) (Round-2)	State Govt.	08-Feb-2020
67.		Chinyalisaur –**Heliport**(Unserved) (Round-2)	State Govt.	08-Feb-2020
68.		Gaucher –**Heliport**(Unserved) (Round-2)	State Govt.	08-Feb-2020
69.		New Tehri –**Heliport**(Unserved) (Round-2)	State Govt.	29-July-2020
70.		Srinagar –**Heliport**(Unserved) (Round-2)	State Govt.	29-July-2020
71.		Haldwani – **Heliport**(Unserved) (Round-2)	State Govt.	8-Oct-2021
72.		Almora – **Heliport** (Unserved) (Round-2)	Army	26-Aug-2022
73.	West Bengal	Cooch Behar (Unserved)(Round-1)		21-Feb-2023
74.		Durgapur(Underserved)(Round-1)	Private	25-June-2019

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